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GENERAL STRIKE?

Ultimatum Timed To Expire On Friday Stormy Mass Meeting Held In Engineers' Institute

HONG KONG FACES THE POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL STRIKE ON SATURDAY WHICH MIGHT IMMOBILISE THE COLONY'S INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES. THIS IS THE RESULT OF THE DECISION TAKEN AT A MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT ATTENDED BY DELEGATES CLAIMING TO REPRESENT 10,000 OR MORE WORKERS.

MONEY MARKET PANIC

Yesterday was about the most hectic day on the money market since the liberation. The excitement and wild gambling were due entirely to rumours that Sterling would be devalued—and, again, that it would not.

Wild buying started immediately at a exchange opened at 9.30 a.m. Gold started off \$381 a tael, and fell less than an hour it had reached \$376.

Then someone said Sterling was not going to be devalued, and the price immediately began to drop to below the starting point.

The tide was stemmed at \$359.50, and the market closed at \$358.50.

The devaluation scare also sent futures up to \$15.80 a 100 after they had opened at \$14.50. When the landslide came, futures fell to \$13.85.

Chinese National Currency edged at 14 cts. for futures and 65 cts. for spot (for CN\$1,000).

Y.U.S. dollars made a big spurt to \$1.05 Sterling remained steady at \$1.10 and Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.53.

ISH DOWN HIS THROAT

London, Aug. 11.

Today's "fishing story" came from Malaya. It was not a "big one that got away" but about a fish that leapt out of the water and jumped down the angler's throat.

The story is reported by the British Medical Journal.

The angler was a Malay villager and he was taken to the Malacca General Hospital in a very distressing condition.

Dr. Lewis of the hospital related: It appeared that an hour previously the man had been drawing in his net in a rice field, and holding up the edge of his net, he peered over to inspect his catch whereupon a fish leaped out of the water into his mouth and disappeared down his throat.

The patient was operated on and soon recovered.

The fish was found to be 13 centimetres in length.—Reuter.

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The decision was carried after an extremely heated three-hour debate. It was decided to call for the mass strike on Saturday if the Labour Officer "fails to give an acceptable reply" today to the third appeal of the Chinese Engineers' Institute for an increase in the minimum basic daily wage from \$2 to \$5.

The meeting was attended by delegates from all the dockyards (both naval and commercial), various large industrial undertakings, the waterworks and several—though not all—of the public utilities.

It was unanimously resolved that, failing satisfaction today, an ultimatum will be handed in tomorrow. This will expire at 5 p.m. on Friday when, if there is still no change in the situation, a general strike will be called, to start on Saturday.

Last night's meeting at the Engineers' Institute in Connaught Road was attended by some 400 delegates. It lasted from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. It was called primarily to hear a report on the reply received from the Labour Officer on Monday to the Institute's third appeal.

The negotiators told the meeting that the Labour Officer had questioned the Institute's ability or right to represent the thirteen branches of workers who had made the demand for an increase in basic wages.

Heated Verbal Exchanges

The temper of the meeting was far from good. More than once there were heated verbal exchanges. In the end, the more assertive element prevailed and the decision to strike if the ultimatum was rejected was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

It was reported to the meeting that there were no delegates from the Hong Kong Electric Co., The China Light and Power Co., and the Hong Kong Telephone Co. present.

It was resolved that every effort would be made to get the workers of these three utility companies to join in any strike movement which might be launched.

Indonesia

US MEDIATION OFFER MAY BE TURNED DOWN

Batavia, Aug. 12.

Informed Indonesian Republican sources at Jogjakarta are reported today to have indicated that the United States offer to arbitrate the dispute with the Dutch may be turned down.

The report, carried by the Indonesian news agency, ANTARA, said the Republican Cabinet had dispatched a reply today following proposals made by the U.S. Consul-General, Mr. Walter Foote, during his visit to Jogjakarta yesterday.

The agency said informed Republicans "indicated" the reply contained an appreciation of the American offer but maintained that the Republic would not cancel its earlier request to the Security Council and Australia concerning mediation.

ANTARA said that after Mr. Foote left Jogjakarta yesterday the Republican Cabinet studied his proposals and sent a reply at 3 a.m. today. It did not specify to whom the decision was sent—presumably it was to Mr. Foote by radio.

Dutch communists today said 350 Republicans attacked a Dutch patrol near Mangli, southwest of Ambarawa on the Semarang-Jogjakarta highway.

In East Java, Dutch patrols were fired on southwest of Mojokerto, but the communists made no mention of West Java.

Kidnap Plot?

The communists reported that Dutch patrols followed Republican guerrilla infiltration into the Padang area in Central Sumatra, and said the Dutch captured 20 Republican soldiers armed with hand grenades, weapons and ammunition.

The Dutch claimed to have found papers on the guerrillas which included a list of Indonesians who were "for the Dutch" and were to be kidnapped by the guerrillas from Padang. Investigation showed the operation was planned for August 8, after the cease fire.

The communists reported that snipers were "hindering" Dutch patrols around Lahat, South Sumatra. New bridges were blown up on roads in the vicinity and the Republicans were still erecting barricades.—United Press.

The issue developed with the re-publication in Shanghai of a letter, which a British Eurasian named Leslie Wade sent to a Hong Kong newspaper, expressing his amazement to find after an absence from the colony of eight or nine years, "no change in the general attitude of the populace."

Wade who served in the war as an officer in the Royal Air Force (Pilot parachutist), said "the snobbery, the amnesia and the lack of tolerance... are all back."

Governor To Visit Nanking

After visiting Canton en route before the end of the month, His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham will fly to Nanking for courtesy calls on Chinese leaders, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

It is likely that Sir Alexander will also visit Shanghai either on the way to or from Nanking.

The Portuguese Colony of Macao is also on Sir Alexander's programme of courtesy visits.

SEVEN-DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

A seven-day Memorial Service for the Dead of the World with special prayers for those who died in World War II is scheduled to start in Hong Kong on August 23, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

To make the occasion of special significance, a well known Chinese Buddhist monk, reputed to be more than 100 years old, has been invited to conduct the services assisted by about 100 junior monks.

The Service is being sponsored by the Tung Wah Hospital and will be held on the South China Athletic Association's ground at Caroline Hill.

The officiating monk, Hui Wan, and 148 of his disciples are expected to arrive in Hong Kong by Monday. The services will commence early morning and end after midnight with the monks taking turns at chanting prayers.

Members of the public will be allowed to join in the prayers and to burn incense and offer flowers.

The monks will also say special prayers for any individual on request.

The last mass Buddhist memorial service for the dead held in Hong Kong was in October 1936.

THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone covers Japan and the neighbouring seas and extends to China. Pressure is low over Central China, Manchuria and the Eastern Caribbees.

Today's Forecast: Fresh E and SE winds, moderating; cloudy showers by evening. WINDING—A small typhoon at 9 p.m. yesterday was centred within 70 miles of 14 deg. N 112.5 deg. E, moving WNW at 10 knots. Wind Force 5 near centre.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 86.7 deg. Fah. Minimum: 71.1 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 7.5 hours. Rainfall: 11.0 mm. = 0.43 inch. Total since Jan. 1—1920.8 mm. = 75.91 inches as against an average of 1481.6 mm. = 58.34 inches.

Readings at 10 a.m. today: Baro. at msl. 1000.2 1007.1 m.b. Equals 29.93 29.74 inches. Rel. Humidity 78 88 % Dew Point 78 75 deg. F. Wind Direction E by N E Wind Force 15 20 knots.

SQUARE DEAL FOR EURASIANS

Shanghai, Aug. 12.

The inferior social position of British Eurasians, even those who served in World War II, has become a live issue in an editorial and the correspondence columns of the English language newspapers in Shanghai.

The worst culprit, he said, appeared to be those who spent the war years pleasantly in Alexandria, Bombay, Colombo and Delhi. He said he found a number of these former "friends" avoiding him and wondered whether this was due to his mixed parentage.

"Snobocracy"

Letters expressing sympathy for Wade's plight appeared in several Shanghai newspapers and the British-owned "North China Daily News" asked for a square deal for Eurasians who were considered good enough to fight and die for the same cause but not quite good enough to be associated with socially. The paper deplored the distinctions between pure-born Britons and British subjects of mixed parentage.

A letter signed "Englishman" complained that his two children were not allowed to join a sports club because they were Eurasians. He said, he said, was not the only place where "snobocracy" reigned.

A writer in the "China Press" pointed out that Eurasians were still barred from certain foreign clubs, notably the Shanghai Club. They are even barred from a few clubs which since the war have begun to accept Chinese as members.—Associated Press.

'Sinkiang' Seizure Appeal

An appeal to the Governor-in-Council has been filed by 24 Chinese who were recently fined and had their goods confiscated by a Magistrate at the Central Police Court, the "China Mail" learned authoritatively last night.

The appeal was lodged yesterday by Mr. Marcus da Silva, on behalf of the 24 appellants, against the Magistrate's confiscation order.

The appeal is a sequel to the record seizure of 35 tons of unmanifested cargo on board the s.s. Sinkiang Jess than two weeks ago by the Revenue Department, and has been lodged under the Imports and Exports Ordinance.

Appellants were the persons charged with attempting to export unmanifested cargo when they appeared at the Revenue Department to claim goods which were among the seized cargo.

If the appeal succeeds, the Revenue Department will be placed in an embarrassing position for most of the goods ordered confiscated have been distributed among hospitals and charitable organisations.

CALCUTTA RIOTS

Seven were killed and 25 injured in renewed outbreaks of Hindu-Muslim rioting in Calcutta today.

Bombs, brickbats and acid were used when rival mobs of Hindus and Muslims clashed in Eastern Calcutta. The police fired 32 rounds.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TO EXPORT PRECIOUS METALS

Washington, Aug. 11.

The Far Eastern Commission today announced a ruling under which gold, silver and other precious metals and precious stones may be exported from Japan and exchanged for currency to buy raw materials needed to revive Japanese industry.

The ruling is contained in a lengthy Commission ruling on interim import-export policies for Japan which also stipulated that "as soon as possible participation by private individuals and corporations in Japan foreign trade will be authorized."

The Commission ruled that the only precious metals and stones which could not be used to establish Japanese credit abroad are those "known to have been looted or probably looted."

The Far Eastern Commission reiterated that resumption of private trade in Japan will be authorized only under General MacArthur's strict supervision.

Rigid Curbs

In a 16-point policy decision, the FEC said that rigid curbs on exports could be enforced to prohibit maintenance or development of Japan's war-making potential. However, exports of textiles and other goods in short supply throughout the world will be stimulated "to the maximum practicable extent."

A directive to Gen. MacArthur authorized him to ascertain the types and amounts of Japanese goods available for export. His programme, however, will be subject to scrutiny by the United States FEC and Inter-Affied Trade Board before it becomes effective.

Imports

The FEC said that cultural products produced prior to Sept. 1, 1945 should not be exported by the Japanese. Imports to be authorized include those necessary "to prevent such widespread disaster and unrest as would endanger the occupying forces." Products required to accomplish occupation objectives and imports requested by the Japanese government.

Fascist Gang

Hamburg, Aug. 11.

Members of a gang said to have engaged in Fascist propaganda have been arrested in Western Saxony (the Soviet Zone).

The gang were reported to have painted slogans on walls and distributed pamphlets. One of those arrested was said to have been forced to sign a "secrecy" pledge and to have been tortured into docility by one of his accomplices, a former SS man.—Reuter.

HONG KONG DON'T COPY!

Shanghai, Aug. 12.

Wan Kung-chan, Chairman of the Shanghai City Council, is reported to have urged the people to wreck any newspaper plant referring to the "Communist forces as the 'Communist Army' instead of as 'Communist bandits.'"

The Ministry of Information recently "suggested" that all Chinese newspapers do the same.—United Press.

Kowloon Electricity Rates Cut

Further reductions in charges to Kowloon consumers were announced last night by the China Light and Power.

The new rates, which will come into operation on Sept. 1, are:

Light 44 cents per unit (compared with 49 cents).

Power 10 cents per unit (compared with 20 cents).

Proportionate reductions will be made in respect of lighting and power supplied in the New Territories.

"Dictator" Bill Passed By Commons

London, Aug. 12.

The House of Commons passed the Government's emergency economic crisis bill by a landslide vote of 178 to 63 early today after nearly 17 hours of consecutive debate on the measure.

The bill now goes to the House of Lords where it faces the possibility of crippling amendments such as those which hamstringing the Transport Nationalisation Bill.

Seventy members of the House received the final vote in dead silence.

Adoption of the measure on the third reading, completing the Commons' action, was moved by the Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, after the Labour majority in the House had smothered all but two of a series of amendments offered by opponents of the measure.

A Conservative amendment to the bill to prevent the use of the emergency powers to nationalise the iron and steel industry was withdrawn without a vote.

Mr. Morrison, arguing against the anti-nationalisation amendment, declared: "There is no power under this bill to make new regulations. If this new clause is accepted it will deprive government of a necessary weapon for dealing with the crisis and put iron and steel companies in a favourable position compared with other industries."

Mr. Morrison assured the House, however, that the proposed emergency regulations will not be used by government to nationalise who's industries but only to insure that industries serve the interests and needs of the nation.

Lords, with its huge Conservative majority, will debate it far beyond the Wednesday deadline.

Mr. Churchill is expected to take the issue to the people on Sunday night in a radio broadcast, making a direct answer to Prime Minister Attlee's "fireside chat" last Sunday night.

Mr. Churchill's secretary said today that a broadcast has not been definitely fixed but that it is "likely" that the thunder-voiced war leader will go on the air.

A report on the earlier stages of the debate, including Mr. Churchill's attack on what he called the "dictator bill" which would result in "serfdom in peacetime," appears on Page 3.

Press Freedom

The House of Commons accepted only one of eight amendments offered by the combined Conservative and Liberal opposition—Liberal leader Clement Davis' amendment to guarantee the freedom of the press and non-suppression of newspapers under the emergency powers, which Mr. Churchill had called "draconian."

The debate, bitter and sparkling by turn, drew a surprisingly small vote at its conclusion.

Lobby correspondents believe this is because many members had already started their holidays (Parliament originally having scheduled to adjourn last Friday), the fallowing a night session; the foregoing conclusion of the issue. In view of Labour's sound majority (only one member actually bolted from the Party vote); and the fact that no party had issued a "Whip" compelling its members to be present for the vote.—United Press.

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The Directors of SOUTH CHINA BUILDING MATERIALS, LTD. beg to announce that the Company was incorporated on the 27th of May, 1947, under the Companies Ordinance, 1932, and is now ready to enter into contracts for the supply of cement concrete bricks, blocks, tiles, Spuncrete pipes, and Hollow Blocks, manufactured under Patent Licence.

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ROBERT STEEN SMITH,
Secretary.

Fierce Communist Attack On Yulin

Nanking, Aug. 12.

The Nationalist defenders in Yulin, a northern Shensi city on the Suiyuan provincial border, repulsed another fierce Communist attack on Monday in which the Reds stormed into the west gate but were forced back after hand-to-hand fighting, according to Chinese reports today.

The reports said that the Nationalists are at present firmly holding the suburbs as well as the airfield while reinforcements are expected to reach the beleaguered city shortly to help in removing the Communist menace.

The attacking Communist forces are apparently those dislodged from the Yen'an area last March, who were regrouped following hiding in the mountains.

Heavy fighting was also reported to be raging in West Shantung where Government planes staged numerous sorties on Monday, bombing and strafing the Communists who were trying to advance "aimlessly" southward after the escape route to the north bank of the Yellow River was cut off. These Communists, under Gen. Liu Po-chien, have been sliced into several pockets and are being subjected to heavy pounding, the reports said.

Red Claims

The Communist Radio claimed the Communists "once recovered and subsequently withdrew from" 30 towns or townlets during the month. It claimed that 100 Government artillery pieces, 800 heavy and light machineguns, 3,150 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were included in the war booty.

It claimed that one Flying Fortress B-17 was shot down and more than 50 motor vehicles were blown up.

INDIA'S LINK WITH RUSSIA

Moscow, Aug. 12.

Mrs. Virayalakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador to Russia, said today that she believed "India has a special link with the Soviet Union, since both India and Russia have shown a capacity to blend and harmonize different races and civilisations."

"India today is emerging from a period of inaction," she said, "and is faced with the gigantic task of utilizing her resources and building up her national life so she may take her rightful place among free nations of the world. As we plan our national life, we desire also to plan for friendship and cooperation in the international sphere."—Associated Press.

cler were blown up.

The broadcast also claimed that "another" Nationalist fighter plane was captured by the Communists on July 13 when it made a forced landing in the Red area in Shantung province. It said the pilot, Sun Wen-pin, was injured and hospitalized.—United Press.

Personalia

The following arrived by C.P.A. plane from Manila yesterday:—Gaw See Koo, Que Hua Chiong, Mrs. Co Cam and Miss Catalina Que.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel:—James Isbrandtsen, C.H. Bejemann, H.N. Gould, W.W. Grossman, Capt. J.R. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. G.F. Youe and Miss Faith Snuggs.

Peninsula departures:—Danny Vibat, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Chou, H.E. Scullin, Waldo Drake, W.J. Newport, H.Y. Mo, Miss L. Mason, Miss Mary Taylor, Mr. Bergher and H. Frankel.

Ambitious Plan For South China Provinces

An ambitious plan, involving an estimated US\$157,600,000, for the reconstruction and development of Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces goes to the United States for support today in the pockets of Colonel W. Bruce Pirnie, one of the prime instigators of the present Kwangtung Five-Year Reconstruction programme.

Colonel Pirnie said yesterday that he was flying to the United States this afternoon to present the plan to American interests and the Import and Export Bank which has indicated that it would be willing to "consider favourably any sound business project."

The former Deputy Commanding General of the Second Army Command in the Chinese Theatre of War disclosed that his firm of Pirnie, Lee and Company, incorporated in the United States, had been appointed "negotiating agents" by the Provincial Governments of Kwangtung and Kwangsi and that contracts had been signed with the "aim to finance and operate a number of projects as 'private' as well as 'joint public and private enterprises'."

The Colonel, who held the rank of Major-General in the Chinese Army during the war and who is a senior economic adviser to the governments of the two provinces, declared that the appointments and contracts had been approved by the Chinese Central Government in Nanking.

For Kwangtung, Pirnie, Lee and Company have obtained contracts to develop Whampoa harbour, build a Canton Gas Works, erect an automobile assembly plant, a hydroelectric power plant with a radius of 100 miles, a large shipyard, highways, a fertilizer factory, a cement factory, a glass factory, to exploit the coal mines in the Kiyang Cave of the Pirnie mountains and to develop a provincial irrigation scheme. This

alone, it was estimated, would cost US\$83,100,000.

Kwangsi

The projects for Kwangsi include tung oil extraction, refining and distribution, hydroelectric plant with auxiliary units, cement manufacturing, coal mining, sugar refining, a paper mill, and a nitrate fertilizer plant, the estimated cost of which was said to be US\$43,500,000.

Colonel Pirnie said that the programme was a policy of joint participation of American and Chinese financial and technical ability in economically sound projects which would further the natural development of China and eventually ripen into full Chinese ownership and management.

He estimated that it would take the provinces six to eight years to pay back principal and interest.

Similar contracts have been signed with the Hunan Provincial Government.

Book On President Roxas

An account of the two years studies at St. Joseph's College in Hong Kong of President Manuel Roxas of the Philippines will be included in a full-length biography of the dynamic leader of the new republic which is to be published in the United States.

Felixberto G. Bustos, of the Philippines' department of foreign affairs, and biographer of President Roxas, is at present a visitor here and is conducting research into the life of his subject when a student in Hong Kong in 1907. He has conferred St. Joseph's College officials and will also meet living contemporaries of the Philippine leader.

Bustos is the public relations officer of the Philippine Consulate General in New York. He was a war correspondent during the war, and author of "And Now Comes Roxas," a book on the life in the Philippines during the occupation. He is a guest now at the Gloucester Hotel.

Readers' Letters

India
Sir,—Let me be the first to congratulate the Independence Celebration Committee of India and Pakistan for their initiative in sponsoring the function of Celebration at the Indian Recreation Club on Friday.

But another point I want to know is the names of the said Committee, and who appointed them. I myself and many others will be glad of the information. Hundreds of Indians do not know of such a committee until the notice appeared in the papers. Why? Is this Hitler's Germany or Free India?

FREEDOM.

Chinese Ex-Pows Pass Through

Four hundred and eighteen Chinese soldiers passed through Hong Kong yesterday to Canton having been repatriated from New Guinea.

The men were taken prisoner by the Japanese Army in the Shanghai area in 1942 and deported to New Guinea the same year.

Chinese Army representatives from Canton met the men and accompanied them to Canton by the noon train.

sary authority to act in the matter.

Losing Business
He knew it was a losing business at the time it was purchased. He paid 10,000 yen. The locality was a good one and the furniture was also in a good condition.

It was never suggested to him at the time he bought the business that it belonged to Ho Nai-yeo, nor was he ever approached by Ho.

The first thing that he received any information concerning a claim in connection with the business was when he received a letter from Messrs. Hastings & Company.

Hearings will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

Accused Still In One Piece

"Are you all right? Nobody has beaten you up?" asked Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr of Cheung Wah at Kowloon yesterday when he appeared on remand before His Worship on two charges of burglary.

When defendant stated that he had not been beaten by the Police during the remand, DSI MacDonald remarked, "We have brought him back to Court all in one piece, Your Worship."

Declaring that accused had committed two serious offences, His Worship passed sentence of one year's hard labour on each charge, consecutively.

Cheung was charged on Saturday with burglary at 1 Emma Avenue, ground floor, on Aug. 6, and at 6 Pence Avenue on July 6. He pleaded guilty to the first count and denied the second until evidence had been given by Sub-Inspector A. Morrison, Fingerprints Bureau chief, that three sets of impressions found on a pane of glass at the scene of the burglary were identical to accused's fingerprints.

When DSI Matches asked for three days' remand, defendant blurted out, "I will definitely be killed if I get back to the Police."

Rotary

Rotarians turned out in force at yesterday's weekly Club luncheon to give District Governor Dr. Li Shu-fan a rousing welcome home.

Dr. Li, who had been attending the 38th Rotary International Convention in the United States, where he had been elected to the position of International President, was welcomed by the Rotarians with a rousing high-spirited and enthusiastic welcome.

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MOVIES FOR ST. JOHN'S

A cinema show is to be given to all members of St. John Ambulance Brigade in the Great Hall, Brigade Headquarters, Tui Hang, on Friday this week at 8.30 p.m.

There will be four films and between each film several well-known Chinese doctors will discuss the subjects illustrated. Members are asked to be in their seats by 8.15 p.m.

CASE TO GO TO GOVERNOR

The submission that the Urban Council treated his client's application in a "very unsympathetic and biased manner" was made by Mr. C. A. Sutherland-Russ before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Lui Woon-sun was summoned for carrying on an offensive trade at 192 Yu Chau Street.

Mr. Russ, in applying for an adjournment, stated that he was referring the case to the Governor-in-Council.

In support of his contention, Mr. Russ declared that his client had been carrying on the business of pig-raising for over ten years. The licence issued prior to the outbreak of the war was collected back by Urban Council inspectors in 1941.

During the whole of the Japanese occupation, said Mr. Russ, Lui continued the business and, at the beginning of the re-occupation, was given to understand that he might continue to do so until things became more settled.

His client, continued Mr. Russ, had spent a considerable sum on his premises only to find

Acceptance Of A Gratuity Wasn't "A Crime"

"A man in the service of Government is fully entitled to take on extra work for extra remuneration. He could only be dealt with departmentally and not in a Police Court."

The above contention was put forward by Mr. C. A. Sutherland-Russ when he applied to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon to review the case in which five Sanitary Department employees were sentenced for conspiring to obtain \$10 from Tsang Wal.

When the case was heard on July 10, all defendants admitted that they received \$10 monthly, between March 15 and July 15, from Tsang Wal for the removal of garbage from 14 Shantung Street, ground floor. They were sentenced to four months' hard labour.

In his application, Mr. Russ stated that when he interviewed his clients in Stanley Gao he obtained the impression that Tsang Wal, Tsai Ho and Kwo Sing, scavenging coolies, were "utterly as stupid as any people I came across."

It was, and is, quite a common practice for scavenging coolies to receive gratuity for doing extra work, submitted Mr. Russ, such as conveying garbage tins to the lorry, empty them, and return them to the householders.

He was given to understand, said defence counsel, that when the charge was read over to them, Lui Tung, the driver, and Leung King, the cooler foreman, nodded their heads, and the other three, seeing them nodding their heads, thought "We have better nod our heads too" and did so.

Nodded

None of the defendants, contended Mr. Russ, fully realised the full import of the charge. They heard the sum of \$10 mentioned, and knowing that \$10 had been received by Leung King and paid over to Lui Tung, just nodded their heads in answer to the charge.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. Johnston, Special Investigator, stated that in answer to the charge, all defendants admitted having received \$10 monthly for four months from the complainant. There was absolutely no question of their having then misunderstood the charge.

Mr. Russ submitted that his clients received the money for extra work done by them. They removed the garbage from the restaurant, emptied it into the cart, and returned the containers. This payment was, contended defence counsel, analogous to a hotel roomboy receiving payments from guests for ever such a small service as "running down to get a newspaper."

Defence counsel further submitted that it was, and is, a common practice for householders to pay scavenging coolies to go up to their flats to remove their garbage to save themselves (the householders) the trouble of bringing it all the way down to the street.

Different Plane
"I am all in one with Mr. Russ' contention regarding the payment for clearing rubbish on upper floors," replied DSI Johnston, but the present case was, on an entirely different plane.

The complainant, said the Special Investigator, was the proprietor of a small restaurant at 14 Shantung Street, ground floor. The garbage was left out in the street near the spot where the scavenging lorry usually stopped. There was no question of climbing stairs or doing any work which the cooler should not do.

From their observation post, continued DSI Johnston, both Detective Sergeant Major Lu Muk and himself saw the lorry stop.

to his chagrin, that a licence had been issued to a new person who had spent nothing while his own application was turned down.

Counsel contended that the premises were not used as tenements as the person living there had no right to be there. Unfortunately, his client was unable to get him to move out unless force was resorted to or an executive order obtained.

An officer from the Health Department informed His Worship that the new licensee's premises were not used as tenements and that, in any case, they would close at the end of the year.

His Worship remanded the case for a month, pending application to the Governor-in-Council.

HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Credit Foncleur D'Extremes-Orient \$2,500.00
Hong Kong Branch, Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada Ltd. 500.00
D. E. D. (in memory of Fung C. L.) 10.00
Total \$3,010.00
H.K. Govt. Contribution 3,010.00
To Aug. 6 2,682,601.80
Grand Total \$2,685,611.80

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The following are the Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending Aug. 9:—
Rice and Flour 7.2 cwt. \$4.0000
Vegetables 1.0 " 1.3110
Salt Cabbage 2 " 3.2000
Oil 7 " 1.7430
Toa 2 " 9.0000
Salt Fish 3 " 7.5000
Fish 3 " 9.8400
Pork 3 " 9.9500
Firewood 10.0 " 1.0000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces 7.0000
Total \$18,433.00

A Police constable reported last night that about 8.40 p.m. a black Austin car travelling along Nathan road hit a Chinese just outside Gingle's bar. The man was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

TIED? WORRIED? DEPRESSED?

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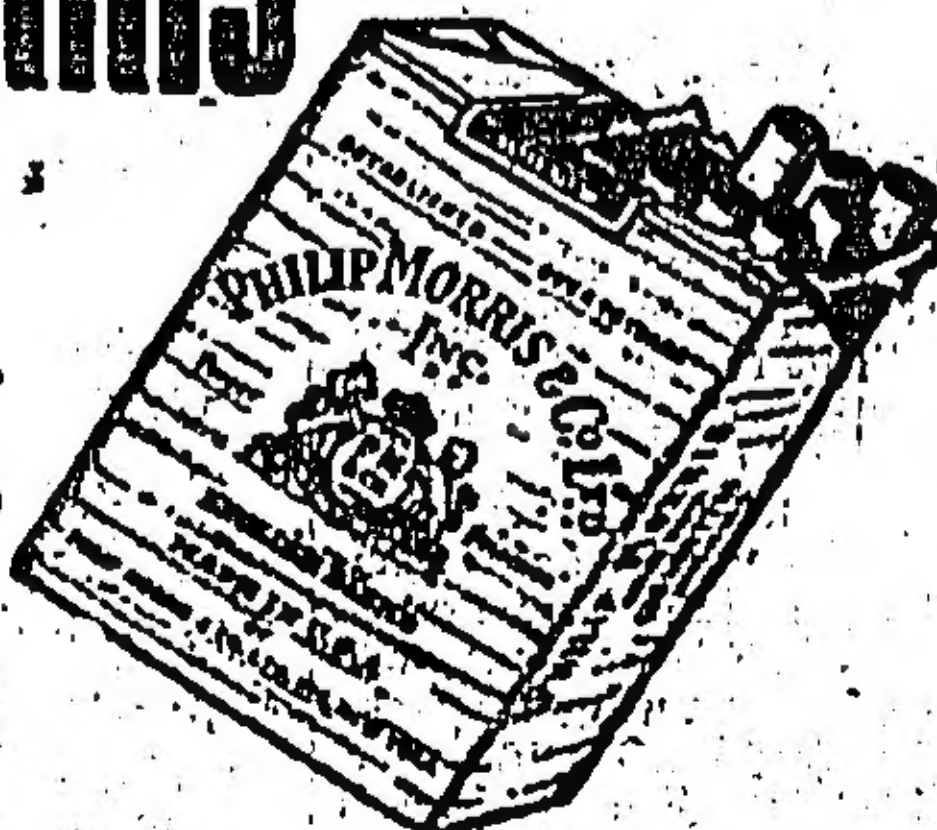
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FIERY DEBATE IN THE COMMONS

Labour Member's Attack On United States

"Responsible For Situation"

London, Aug. 11. After a fiery debate, during which the United States was called a "moneylender" and declared responsible for Britain's economic crisis, the Socialist majority in the House of Commons tonight prepared to sit until the small hours of the morning, if necessary to push through its three final stages the Government's bill which will give the Government dictatorial powers over the nation's manpower. Only the unlikely intervention of the House of Lords can prevent the measure from becoming law within the next few days.

The bill will permit the Socialist Ministers to order a man from one job to another, and to control his hours, conditions and rate of pay, to throw out inefficient factory management, to direct both public and private capital investment into favoured channels, and to withhold or allot raw materials, supplies and export markets to manufacturers.

Mr. Winston Churchill and other Conservatives, Liberals, and Liberal National leaders again attempted to curtail the bill with restrictive amendments, but each time they were voted down.

Slurs against the United States, which brought an uproar and demands for withdrawal from the Conservative benches, were made by the Labour Member, Mr. Sydney Silverman. Only one Labour M.P. took part in protests against Mr. Silverman's remarks, and Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House of Commons and Chief Planner, refused to disassociate the Government from the statements.

U.S. Attacked
"The United States is directly responsible for the situation in which we find ourselves," Mr. Silverman began. Loud opposition laughter soon turned to cries of "Withdraw!" as he continued:

"When our foreign investments were gone, when America allowed us to buy on a cash and carry basis—investments on which we relied to bridge the gap between our exports and imports before the war and which we disposed of at under-cut prices in order to provide materials to defend the United States as much as ourselves—the Americans came forward with what they called lend-lease. Incidentally, that had the effect of preventing ground for the restoration of our export trade after the war.

"But if they had continued lend-lease for a couple of years after the war, the world would have been out of its distress. But they preferred to act like shabby moneylenders," Mr. Silverman said.

Morrison Refusal
Several Members rose on points of order, but Mr. Silverman went on:

"What happened was we had to borrow United States money on their terms, spend the money in their shops, and after we had the money to spend in their shops they raised the cost of goods to us."

Several Conservatives, including Mr. Winston Churchill, called upon the Government to express their detestation of Mr. Silverman's remarks. They were joined by a lone Labour Member, Captain Raymond Blackburn, who has voted against the Government throughout the debate.

Insistence from Mr. Churchill that the Labour Members disavow Mr. Silverman's "insulting terms" brought Mr. Morrison to his feet.

"If the Government is expected to approve, disapprove, repudiate or what not the various statements made by private Members on both sides of the

FRENCH HAVING TROUBLE

Madras, Aug. 11. French troops injured many yesterday in a lathi charge which routed a procession of peasants and students in a Nationalist demonstration in Karakkal.

EXILE CABINET NEGOTIATIONS

Paris, Aug. 11. Carlos Pi Sunyer, who was nominated to form a new Cabinet for the Spanish Republican Government in exile, said today he expected to leave for Paris later today or tomorrow morning to discuss the matter with the Republican President, Martinez Barrio.

Columnist Gives Inside Dope

London, Aug. 11. Columnist David Lewin of the Daily Express, the world's most widely circulated daily newspaper, stated flatly today Hollywood would not go through with its announced suspension of American film shipments to Britain.

"American films will be back likely 'for some time' as to whether similar or alternative action would be taken by the Australian Government. It was understood that although Mr. Chifley was interested in the British plan, it does not follow that it will be adopted here.—Associated Press.

TRIESTE CLASH

Trieste, Aug. 11. Allied-controlled Venezia Giulia civil police and Yugoslav militia clashed today in a brief fight along the Morgan Line south of Trieste.

There were no casualties. The civil police reported that the Yugoslavs fired on them while they were patrolling the border between the Allied and Yugoslav Zones of the disputed province. The police returned fire and action ceased.—United Press.

Stars To Quit

British studios reportedly planned to increase their production by constant shooting time but it was expected that shortage of material and stars would hamper efforts to bridge the difference between the number of pictures produced here and the number required to fill the picture houses.

There were reports that some of the British stars in the United States, including Deborah Kerr, Peggy Cummins and Philip Cury, may be recalled from Hollywood.—United Press.

Australia Too?

Canberra, Aug. 12. The Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, was reported officially today to be examining the British Government scheme to save dollars by heavy taxation of American films.

The Government source added, however, that no decision was risk their exercise being definitely postponed and delayed.

Sir Hartley twitted Mr. Churchill with having fears of "Gestapos, godlings and dictators at night." He added these fears existed only in Mr. Churchill's mind.—Reuter.

Palestine Expels Arab

Jerusalem, Aug. 11. Mahmoud Habib, commander-in-chief of the merged Arab semi-military organizations, Najada and Futuwa, was called to police headquarters tonight and ordered to leave Palestine within 48 hours.

The police said the deportation order had no connection with the attack on the Jewish night club in Tel Aviv last night by armed men wearing the uniform of the Arab youth organization into which the Najada and the Futuwa merged.

It was explained that the deportation was a matter of non-political routine connected with the expiration of Habib's visitor's visa. Habib may be permitted to return to Palestine if his papers are put in order, it was added.

Habib was leader of the Cairo Moslem Brotherhood before he assumed command of the youth organization.—United Press.

MALCONTENTS IN LABOUR

London, Aug. 11. One-third of the Labour Members of Parliament are still dissatisfied with their Government's plans to fight the economic crisis. After the full Party had held a special secret meeting today at which the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and his principal lieutenants faced outspoken criticism, 150 or more Members, who had intended to force a decision on the nationalisation of the steel industry and on the size of Britain's armed forces, are still not satisfied.

The Government's spokesmen are believed to have pleaded for more time to consider both questions and to have asked the rank and file of the Party not to embarrass them by seeking to impose premature decisions.

They were, however, left in no doubt that the malcontents number many more than have ever been mustered by previous "revolts" among Labourites in the House of Commons.

Experienced observers are now predicting an inevitable some changes in the Cabinet to meet the Party's mood.

"Keep Left" Group
The "Keep Left" group of the Party, which includes some vigorous critics, is arranging to stay in being as a committee during the Parliamentary recess which runs from next Wednesday until the last week in October. Members of this group are even taking their holidays on a staggered system.

After today's secret meeting, Mr. Attlee and his colleagues returned to the House of Commons for another day with the Opposition—both Conservative and Liberal—over the Government's Bill seeking emergency powers to meet the economic crisis.

The Conservatives were moving wholesale amendments in the bill which was expected to last till late tonight.—Reuter.

Threat Withstood

London, Aug. 12. Britain's crisis-beat government was reliably reported to have withstood the most serious threat yet offered to its leadership—a powerful demand by Labour Members of Parliament for nationalisation of the country's iron and steel industry during the next session.

A responsible source said that only 31 of more than 250 members who attended a private meeting with Prime Minister Clement Attlee and other Cabinet members voted in favour of the government's counter-demand for freedom to decide whether nationalisation should come at the next session in the autumn or at a later session.

The vote in favour of the government's stand, this source said, was 31 to 77 with approximately 100 members abstaining. Since members agreeing with the government would have no reason for abstaining, the large non-voting bloc could only be interpreted as meaning silent opposition.

On the basis of these figures the government will be able to postpone iron and steel nationalisation if it thinks postponement necessary in view of the nation's economic troubles—but it knows

that any delay is opposed by a large and vocal faction of its own supporters.

Mr. Attlee said recently, however, that the 1948 target of 14,000,000 tons of steel in "only just within" the industry's capacity and many MPs doubt if he will risk disturbing the industry by nationalisation this year or the next.

Not So Acute
The Press Association said that following Monday's meeting it appeared that "the difference" within the Labour Party are not so acute as they were, an indication that by leaving the question open, Government had avoided the possibility of an outright split.

Minister of Health Aneurin Bevan, who attended the meeting, was said by many political correspondents to be ready to resign if it was decided to abandon or definitely to postpone iron and steel nationalisation.

Demands for further reduction of Britain's armed forces to ease the industrial manpower shortage, and for early resumption of the Anglo-Russian trade talks, also were reported to have been made at the meeting, but no decisions were disclosed. The trade talks broke down recently when Britain refused to ease repayment of a war-time credit to Moscow.—Associated Press.

Orphans To Enter Palestine

Jerusalem, Aug. 12. The Royal Navy will bring to Haifa 985 Jewish orphans, authorised by the Palestine Government to enter Palestine on "humanitarian grounds," from the illegal immigrant camps in Cyprus, a spokesman of the Palestine Government said today.

After the orphans reach Palestine, however, no more British ships will be used for ferrying the 1,500 immigrants permitted to enter Palestine from Cyprus on the current monthly quota, the spokesman added.

This was decided on account of the sabotage of the ferry ship Empire Lifeguard, on July 20.

Meanwhile, Jewish terrorists last night blew up the Palestine-Egypt railway line a mile south of Gaza. A section of the track was damaged, but repairs are expected to be completed in time for the passage of the Cairo-Haifa express, which is due to reach Palestine today.—Reuter.

Street Battles In Asuncion

Buenos Aires, Aug. 11. A sudden flight into Argentine territory of most of the diplomatic missions from Asuncion, the Paraguayan capital, besieged for a week by insurgent troops has occurred.

This is regarded here today as confirming the impression that, if the rebels break into the capital, Paraguay's five-month-old revolution will come to a climax in a fierce "free for all" in the city's streets.

After President Morinigo's decision to evacuate Asuncion, reports from the frontier said today that he and the Government had already moved into the extreme south-western corner of Paraguay to make a last stand, centred on the city of Pilar, 100 miles south of Asuncion.

Before its flight from Asuncion, according to those reports, the Government distributed arms to anyone willing to bear them against the rebels now fighting their way methodically into the capital from the outlying suburbs.

The battle for Asuncion today centred on a large military establishment at Campo Grande, where the rebels claimed yesterday to have seized a military air base and the neighbouring civil airport.—Reuter.

Siamese-Indo-China Dispute

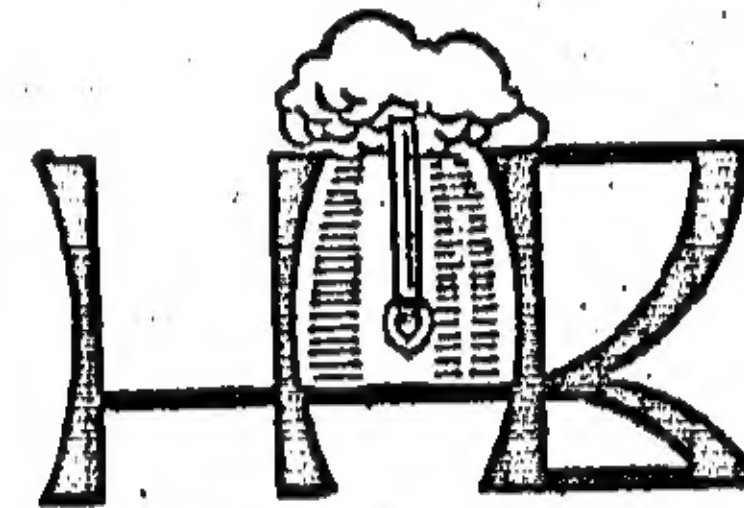
Bangkok, Aug. 11. The Siamese Parliament will meet in secret session tomorrow to consider rejection of their claim against France for revision of the frontier with Indo-China by a mixed Conciliation Commission, which completed its report in Washington at the end of June.

The Siamese Government has prepared a 140-page report on the findings of the Commission, which included three neutral observers and which recommended France and Siam to undertake direct negotiations at Bangkok.

The dispute arose out of the cession to Siam by Vichy France in 1941 of parts of the provinces of Laos and Cambodia, and Siam's request for frontier readjustments after she had returned the provinces at the end of the war with Japan.—Reuter.



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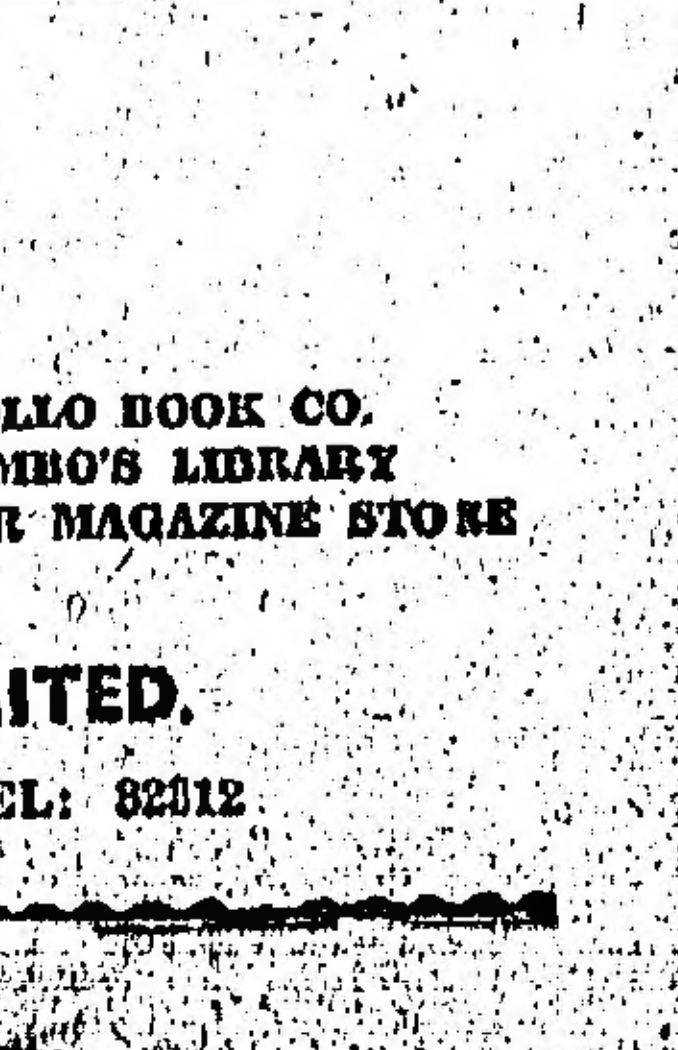
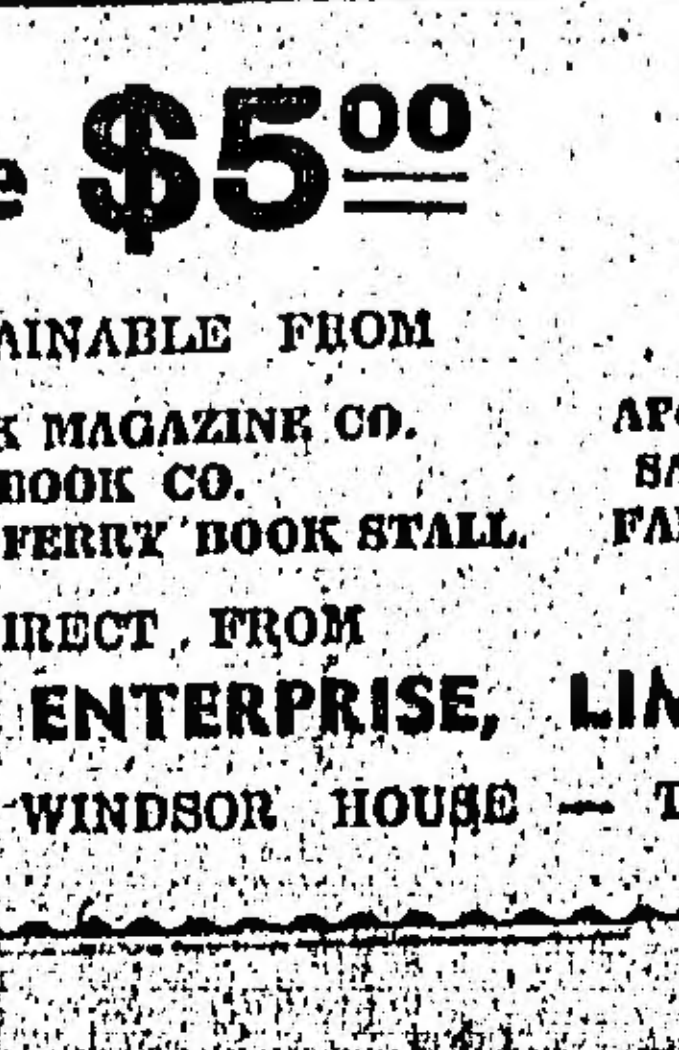
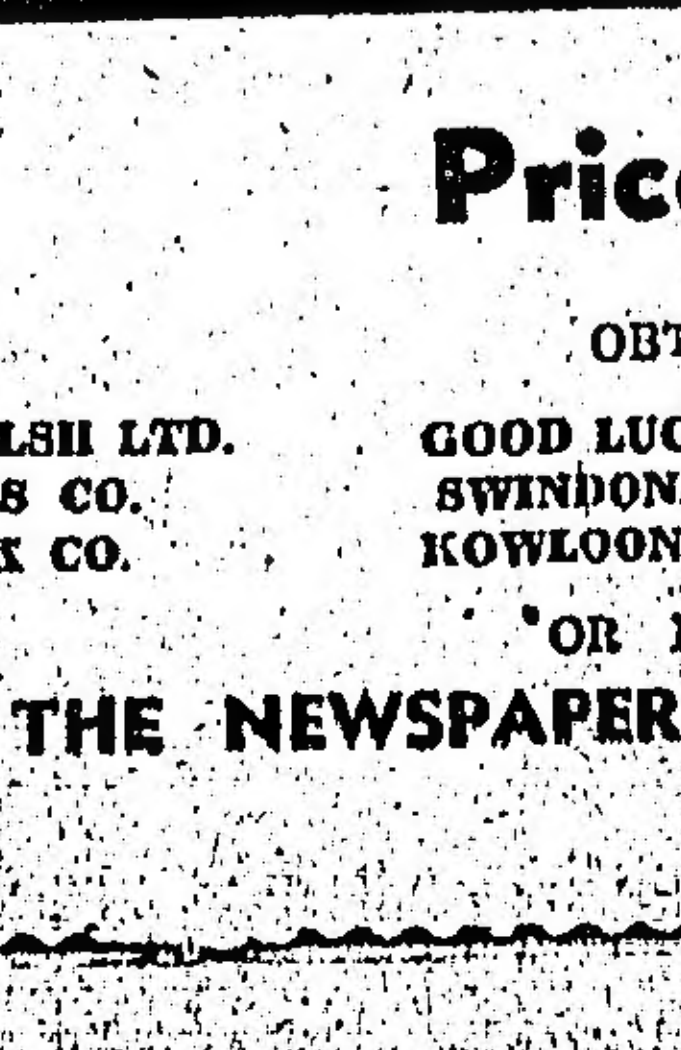
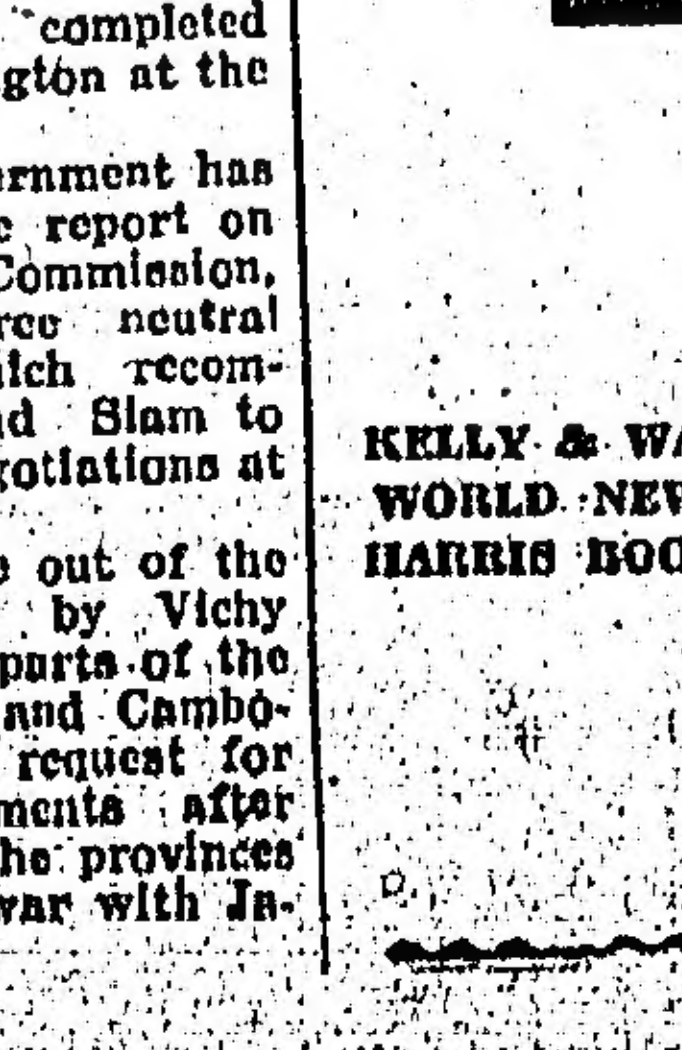
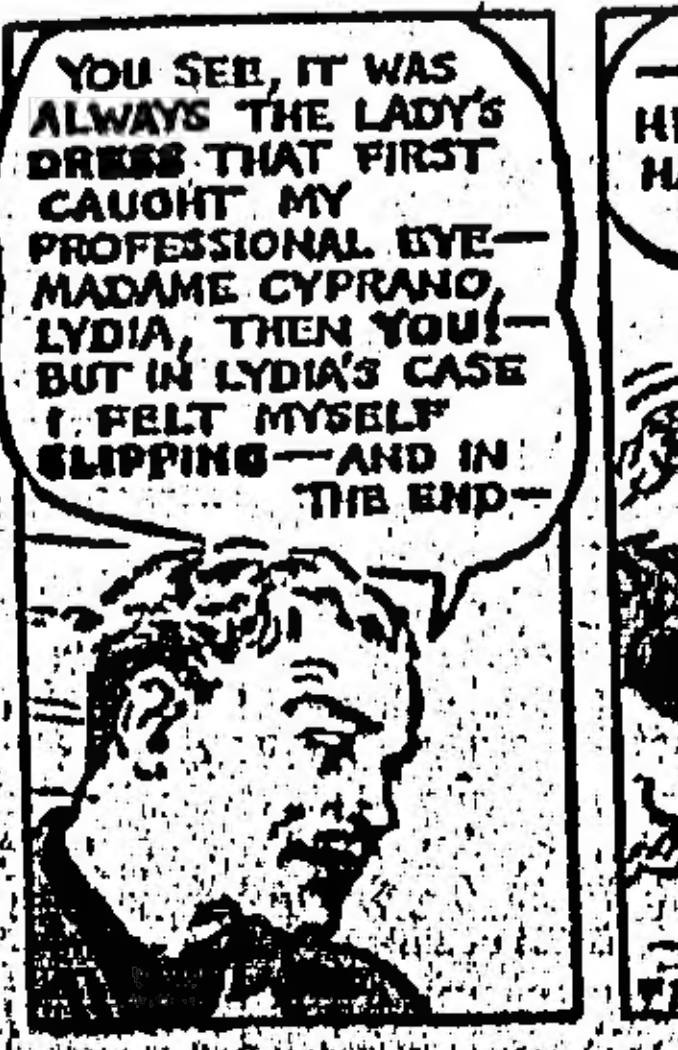
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considering and if thought fit
passing the following resolution
as a Special Resolution:—

"That the Authorized Capital
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from its present capital of
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(of which 1,600,000 shares
have been issued) to
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3,200,000 additional shares of \$10
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each and that such additional
shares shall rank in all re-
spects pari passu with the
original capital of the Com-
pany."

NOTICE is also given that if
the above resolution is duly
passed as a Special Resolution,
it is the intention of the Directors
to close the Register of
Members of the Company for a
period of 2 weeks from the 23rd
day of September 1947 to the
6th day of October 1947 both
days inclusive. The Directors
in accordance with Article 12 of
the Articles of Association of
the Company will forthwith
offer to members shown on such
register on the 22nd day of
September 1947 300,000 shares
of the Company of the nominal
value of \$10 each (being the
present unissued capital of the
Company) together with an
additional 300,000 shares of the
nominal value of \$10 each
created in accordance with the
above Special Resolution all at
par (such nominal value being
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on or before the 30th day of
November 1947) so that each
member of the Company or his
approved nominee shall be en-
titled to apply for and take up
two new shares for every issued
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member. The shares so offered,
shall rank for dividend as from
the 1st day of October 1947.

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or persons to be named by the
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at such time as the Directors
think fit be sold and the pro-
ceeds distributed among the
persons entitled to the fractions
making up such share.

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any shares offered to members
in the event of non-payment
thereof by members or their
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the 30th day of November 1947
at such time or times in such
manner and upon such terms
and conditions as they may
decide.

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persons who have purchased
shares in the Company but are
not on the Register in respect
thereof should, if they wish to
take advantage of the offer, pre-
sent their transfers for registra-
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quisite share certificates on or
before the 22nd day of Septem-
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retired from the business of the
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ed that training for the soccer
season has now commenced and
will take place on every Tues-
day and Thursday on the Club
ground.

K. W. FORROW,
Hon. Secretary.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Lee
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PRINCE'S MISTRESS UNDER ARREST IN EMPRESS CASE Startling Development In German Mystery Missing Jewels Found

Berlin, Aug. 11.
American Criminal Investigation Division agents
arrested the self-confessed mistress of ex-
Kaiser Wilhelm's stepson today in connection
with the death of Wilhelm's widow, Hermine.
Moving swiftly in Germany's most startling post-
war crime case, agents recovered 31 Crown
jewels missing from the ex-Kaiserin's
US\$5,000,000 hoard.

Twenty-five of the missing
jewels were discovered late today
after agents questioned a new
figure in the case—Princess
Carmen, sister to Prince Ferdinand
Schoenich-Carolath. Hermine's
son, Ex-Empress Hermine died
suddenly in Frankfurt-on-Oder in
the Russian Zone on Thursday.
Discovery of the 25 missing
jewels came as a complete sur-
prise. Princess Carmen at first
denied any knowledge of the
Crown jewels when questioned by
the CID, but late today she took
them to her secret hiding-place.

Girl's Admission
Then happily Fraulein Herbst,
Ferdinand's "friend," led CID
agents to a Berlin apartment
house where they recovered six
glittering jewels which had been
missing.

The jewels found in Fraulein
Herbst's possession included a
diamond and emerald tiara and
were some of the jewels she
smuggled from the Russian Zone,
allegedly on Hermine's instruc-
tion. Six were withheld by her
and hidden in an apartment house in
Wilmsdorf, a Berlin borough,
in which one Wilhelm Gommert
lived, directly above her own
apartment. Gommert was held for
questioning.

Foul Play
Meanwhile, the CID announced
tonight that the case of the miss-
ing Crown jewels and the sudden
death of the Kaiserin Hermine
had been turned over to the Ger-
man police for further investiga-
tion.

Mr. O. R. Carlucci, director of
the CID, said he was giving the
case over to the German police
because "it has been definitely
established that no Americans are
involved."

Mr. Carlucci had earlier sent
an official message to the Russian
Military Government in the Kar-
lsborst borough of Berlin, asking
that an autopsy be performed on
the ex-Kaiserin's body. He said
there were strong indications that
she had met with foul play.—
United Press.

A Double Doublecross
Army investigators disclosed
that evidence now showed that
Princess Ferdinand and his sister,
the Princess Carmen, apparently
had been working a "double
doublecross."

Evidence gathered today from
Vera Herbst, Princess Carmen and
others showed that both the
Princess and Prince Ferdinand
had secretly been removing the
Crown jewels from Frankfurt-on-
Oder to Berlin. The jewels had
been hidden since the war in the
home of the Kaiserin.

First denying knowledge of the
jewels, the Princess said later
that she received them only last
night from a messenger who came
to her from Frankfurt-on-Oder.
She said they were not part of
the missing valuables which were
listed by the Prince as stolen.
Agents said Herbst told them
she had lived with Prince Ferdin-
and as his mistress. She said that
she had made two trips to Frank-
furt two months ago and had
brought back some pieces of
jewellery from the Kaiserin for
Prince Ferdinand.

Murder Suspect
When Princess Carmen learned
of this, she apparently tried to
get some of the jewels herself,
the agents said. She visited her
mother in Frankfurt and obtained
some jewels. Two days ago she
got some more of them from her
mother's secretary, Fraulein
Topt.

Both had been trying to get
the jewels without giving the
other a share, the agents said.
Vera Herbst was being held on
what the police said was "sus-
picion of murder and theft" and
Mr. Carlucci said flatly that
that referred to Hermine's death.

Herbst also told the police that
the jewels she had, which she
admitted smuggling out, were be-
ing kept for Princess Carmen on
instructions from Hermine and
that she just had not had a
chance to pass them over to the
Princess.

Mr. Carlucci emphasized that
Herbst, who was very close to
Ferdinand, was being questioned
about Hermine's death and about
the jewels.

Truth Serum Test
Last week Prince Ferdinand
revealed that about 10 weeks ago
he had arranged to have smug-
gled from the Russian Zone some
US\$5,000,000 worth of ex-
Empress Hermine's jewels and
that he had complained to the
American authorities after the

DEADLY CATCH

Liverpool, Aug. 11.
A dredger, clearing sand
from the harbour bed between
two large merchant ships to-
day brought up a 500-lb.
German time bomb.
Four hundred sailors and
dock workers took the rest of
the day off.—United Press.

Soviets Up In The Air

London, Aug. 12.
Soviet balloons penetrated the
lower limits of the stratosphere,
reaching 34,280 feet during a re-
cent four-hour ascent, according
to a Moscow Radio report.
Balloon commander Polosukhin
and his assistant Zinoviyev re-
ported that they stayed at their
maximum altitude for several
minutes before descending.

Before the war the Russians
made many notable balloon
ascents and several times held the
world's altitude record. Once they
reached 72,170 feet.

The world's altitude record is
now held by Captain Albert W.
Stevens and Captain Orville A.
Anderson, of the United States
Army, who reached 72,395 feet in
1935 over South Dakota.—United
Press.

Soldiers "Slaves" Of Army Brass

New York, Aug. 12.
The Scripps Howard newspapers today began
publication of a series of articles by its staff
writer, Robert C. Ruark, detailing Lehigh,
severely criticizing Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee's
administration of the Mediterranean theatre
of operations.

The first article, headlined
"Ruark exposes GI slavery under
Army brass in Italy," charges
"In Lehigh, Headquarters of
what is left of our army, there
are abuses condoned and fostered
by General Lee that make any of
the wartime caste system howls
mighty puny."

"The Army's promises to en-
listed men of our new military
forces have been broken right
and left. The result is sure if these
abuses are not swiftly checked."
The writer said: "In General
Lee's Theatre you can find some
of the most outrageous violations
of personal integrity I've ever
seen. There has been, and con-
tinues to be, lavish waste of tax
money. There is really frightful
misuse of the privileges of rank.
There are brutality and consistent
degradation and humiliation of
men."

Slave Members

He said that in at least one
instance there had been "mass in-
fliction of troops to force them
to become members of a purely
brass hat organization of which
the dues are four dollars annually
and which can shed no possible
benefit on its slave members."

"I doubt if the German Army
was rougher on its personnel than
General Lee's laddies. Many
of them are ill-housed and badly-
fed. Many are employed as gun-
keys and are helpless targets for
officer conceit. You can get
court-martialed for blinking an
eye in General Lee's kingdom and

Pakistan Makes Pact

New Delhi, Aug. 11.

A pact between the provisional
government of Moslem Pakis-
tan and the State of Kalat,
whereby Kalat is recognized as
an "Independent sovereign state
in treaty relations with the
British Government," was an-
nounced today.

Recognition by Pakistan of
the State's separate relations
with Britain came as a surprise
to political circles here, in view
of Viceroy Mountbatten's re-
ported warning to the Prince
that Britain would not recognize
their independence. The Hindu
Indian Union Government in its
negotiations with native states
has steadfastly refused to con-
cede them the right of direct
relations with other powers.

Kulat, with an area of 72,000
square miles, is the third-largest
native state, although its popula-
tion is only slightly over
300,000. However, its position
on the border and its long
coastline along the Arabian Sea
give it considerable strategic
importance.—United Press.

OIL AS DANGER TO PEACE

Lake Success, Aug. 11.
The International Co-
operative Alliance today
asked the United Na-
tions Economic and So-
cial Council to place con-
trol of the world's oil re-
sources under United
Nations authority.

It would be a step toward
avoiding conflicts over oil be-
tween governments, which
"may well be expected to burst
into flames once more."

Dr. Thorsten Odhe, repre-
sentative of the ICA, said
"Equal access to the petroleum
resources of the world" was a
prerequisite of vital importance
to economic reconstruction of
the world lying ahead. He said,
"Rivalry for new oil fields may
contribute to disturbing the
peace of the world."
The ICA has more than 90,
000,000 members in 40 coun-
tries.—United Press.

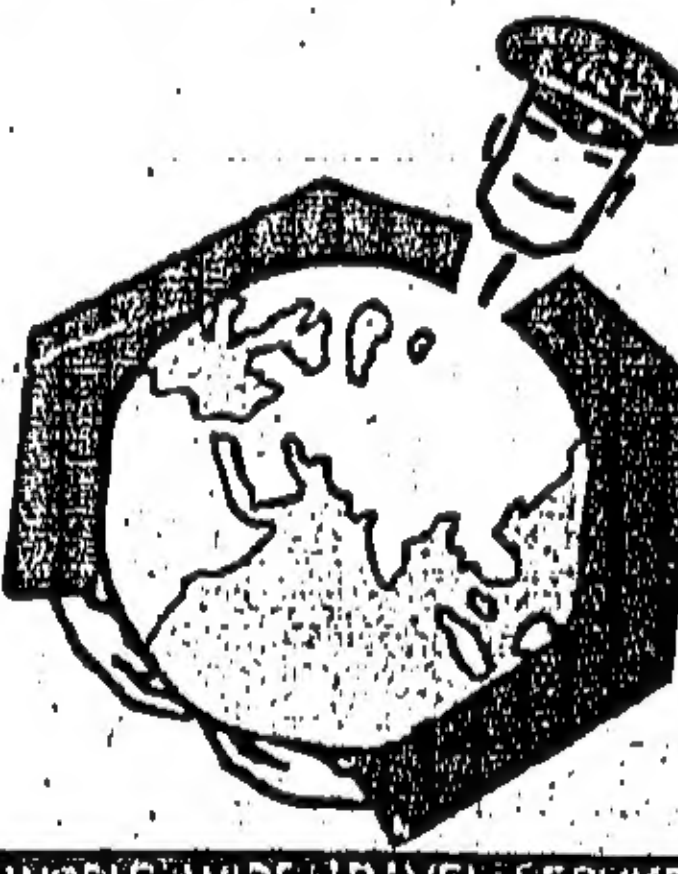
BULGAR DENIAL

Sofia, Aug. 11.
The Bulgarian news agency
today denied officially the Greek
news agency's report yesterday
that a large guerrilla band in
the Aliboutous district near the
River Strymon in Eastern Mace-
donia had crossed the frontier
into Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian news agency
also denied another report pub-
lished in the Greek Liberal
newspaper Macedonia quoting
"reliable military sources" for
a report that Bulgaria had
moved troops from the Yugo-
slav-Bulgarian frontier area to
the Greek border.—Reuter.

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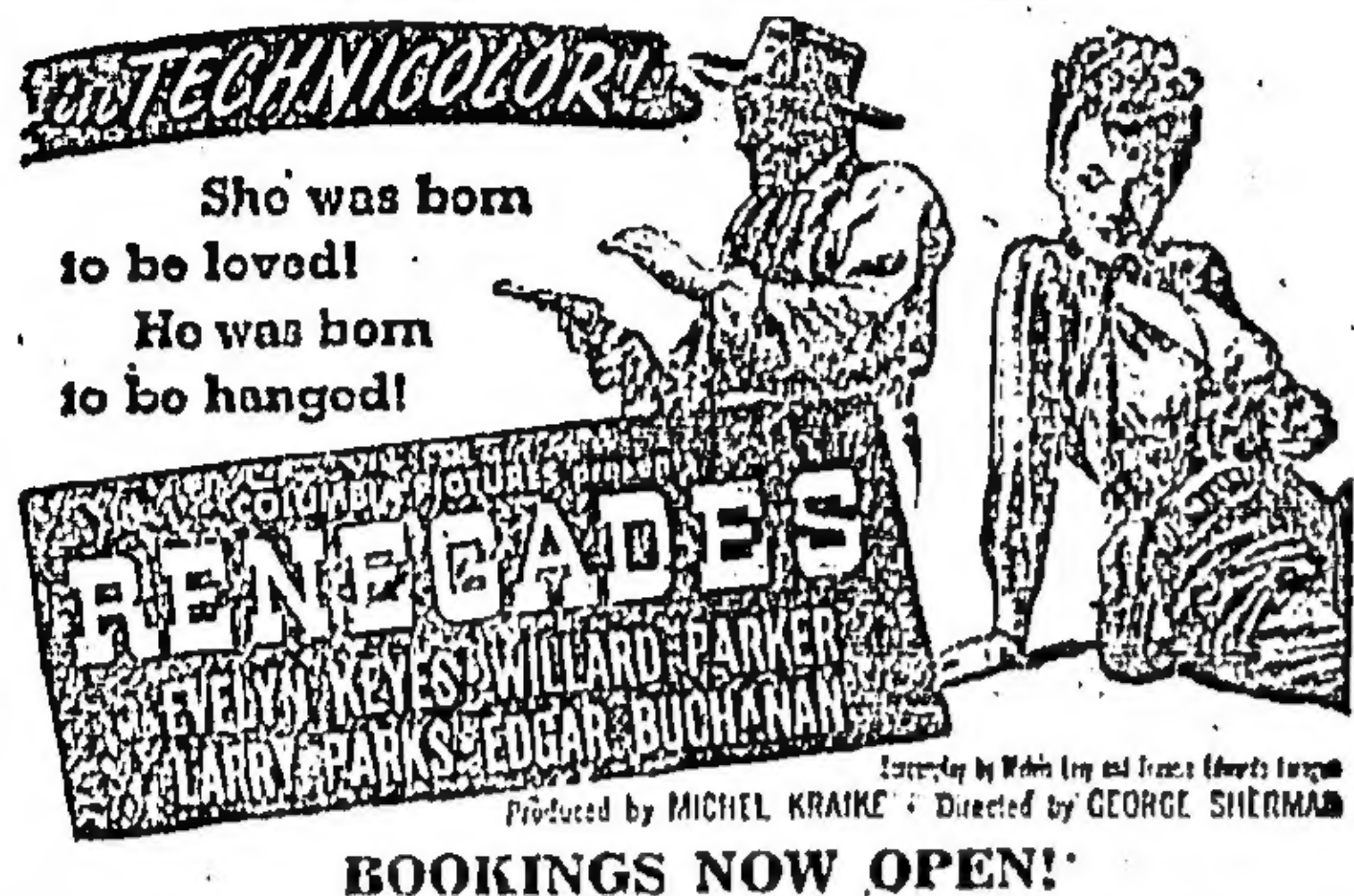
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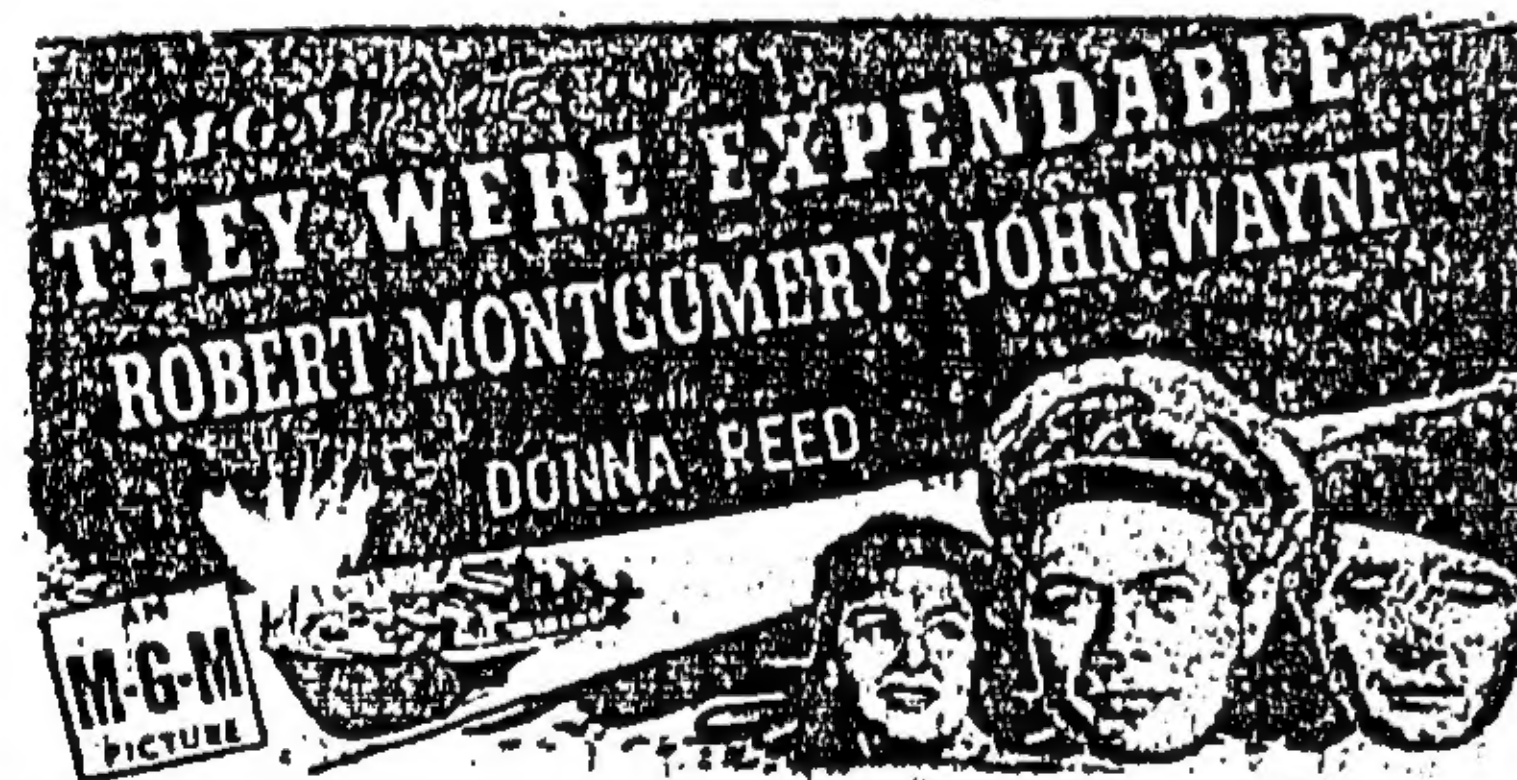
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The number of Tuberculosis cases in Hong Kong today exceeds the total for the whole of England and Wales. Considerable efforts have been made in the past few months to probe into the problem and get the facts necessary to fight the disease. Owing to the shortage of staff, however, the information at present available to the authorities is still very slender.

These were among the salient points of a press conference held yesterday by Dr. I. Newton, the acting Director of Medical Services. Dr. Newton further pointed out that the incidence of TB in the Colony is entirely due to cramped housing conditions, and not to any deficiency in diet. Indeed, he said, the standard of nutrition in Hong Kong is very high.

Dr. Newton replied that this is correct but people with a letter from their own doctors will also be accepted.

Another question was whether almoners at the Public Dispensaries are authorized to refuse tickets to "white-collar workers" whom they think can afford to pay for private consultations.

The answer was in the affirmative. Dr. Newton adding that these dispensaries are set up for the poor among the population. Where, however, anyone has a grievance in this connection, complaint can be made direct to the DMS, and the cases will be investigated.

The DMS also confirmed that the official charge for consultation with specialists attached to these public Dispensaries is \$25.

There is no panel of donors as yet, said Dr. Newton, and where blood is required a call is made on relatives.

There is no reserve for an emergency.

Blood Donors
Dr. Newton made an appeal to the public to come forward, with the assurance that there is no risk involved. A clinic on the top floor of the Post Office Building is open from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays where intending donors could have their blood tested. There is no obligation to contribute unless a person desires to do so. Anyone contributing blood will not be asked to do so again for at least six months.

Blood will be accepted only from those between the ages of 18 and 60.

In a scheme of this kind, said Dr. Newton, the support of everyone is essential, for no one small section can be expected to provide blood for the whole community.

Members of the Chinese Press asked Dr. Newton about complaints appearing in the Press concerning excessive charges made by medical practitioners. They asked if Government was going to do anything about it.

Dr. Newton said that so far he has received not a single complaint from anyone. Where any is forthcoming and the charges seem to be excessive, due investigations will be made. It is not easy to fix any definite scale of charges for doctors, as some cases may be ordinary ones and other special ones.

The practice of doctors making up patients' prescriptions in their own dispensaries is quite legitimate and, in fact, widespread at home, said Dr. Newton in reply to further questions.

Outpatients
The subject of the reception of patients at the outpatients departments of Government hospitals was raised by another questioner. He asked if it is a fact that only casualties, the poor, and Government servants are received?

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"TILL THE CLOUDS ROLL BY"
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"Film Crisis" Meeting

London, Aug. 11.
Mr. J. Arthur Rank will preside at a "film crisis" meeting of British producers in London on Wednesday. Announcing this today the secretary of the British Film Producers Association said, "Implications of the 75 per cent tax on United States film earnings here, and its effect on the British film producing industry, will be discussed."

The production of 35 British full length feature films was completed in the first six months. It is hoped to maintain this rate of production but it depends on many variable factors, one of the most important of which is the weather.—Reuter.

Received Stolen Bicycles

For receiving four bicycles knowing them to have been stolen, Chung Yung Fong, 30, shop master of No. 68 Canton Road, ground floor was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Prosecuting D.S.I. Soutar said that, acting on information received, he and a Chinese detective visited No. 68 Canton Road and found four bicycles, one of which defendant was dismantling. Defendant admitted that four men asked if he wanted to purchase the bicycles, and not knowing they were stolen, he paid \$15 to each of them.

Li Yin, 37, owner of a bicycle shop at No. 18 Landale Street, said at about 10.10 a.m. on Aug. 4 four men hired four bicycles. None was returned.

Tailor Told A Tall Tale

For giving false information, thereby misleading the police, Chan Wai, 40, tailor of 32 Stanton Street, was fined \$150 or two weeks, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

For the prosecution D.I. Hu Hung Cheong told the court that defendant was master of a tailor shop in which Fung Kin was employed.

Defendant owed the foki wages amounting to about \$100 and after repeated requests had been made for payment, defendant advised the foki to apply to the Yau-mat Police Court for a summons.

While his foki went to Yau-mat, defendant hid the pedestal of a sewing machine and three bed boards and reported the loss to the police, saying he suspected the foki of having stolen them. After investigation by the police defendant admitted the offence.

Shortly after 10.30 a.m. yesterday four men armed with revolvers entered 91 Des Voeux Road West and after obtaining the keys of the safe from an inmate stole \$8,420.

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Inspector Brownrigg prosecuting told the court that at 4.25 a.m. on Aug. 12 defendant forced an opening to the ground floor of No. 139 Connaught Road Central and extracted a few cartons of cigarettes.

The clumsy manner in which defendant carried out his act awoke complainant, a lad of 14, who gave the alarm and also raised the alarm. Defendant was finally arrested by a constable.

OPIUM DEN

A fine of \$900 or three months' imprisonment was ordered for Wong Ming, 40, unemployed, by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to being the keeper of an opium den in a hut in the lane of Jardine Street. Defendant admitted being the keeper and six others smoking on the premises were fined \$20 or two days.

Seized in the raid were five pipes, five lamps and 51 pots of prepared opium, which were ordered destroyed.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Archie Shaw and His Orchestra in a Variety Programme.
1.00 p.m.—New Weather Report and Announcements.
1.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Dinah Shore and Her Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—R.I.C. Transcription Service: "The London Radio Orchestra".
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.
6.30 p.m.—Studio Children's Half Hour.
6.35 p.m.—Four Kings Sisters and Freda Martin and His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—David Newell (baritone) with Chorus and Military Bands.
7.30 p.m.—Peter Warlock: "Carols Suite". Constant Lambart String Orchestra.
7.40 p.m.—Studio: Hal Lorenzo in a Jazz Piano Recital.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Studio: "I Bring you Music". Classical Request Programme presented by Mark Glover.
9.15 p.m.—R.I.C. Transcription Service: "The Brain Trust".
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.15 p.m.—Studio: Piano Recital by Harry Orr.
10.40 p.m.—Tunes of Not-So-Forgotten (for Dancing).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

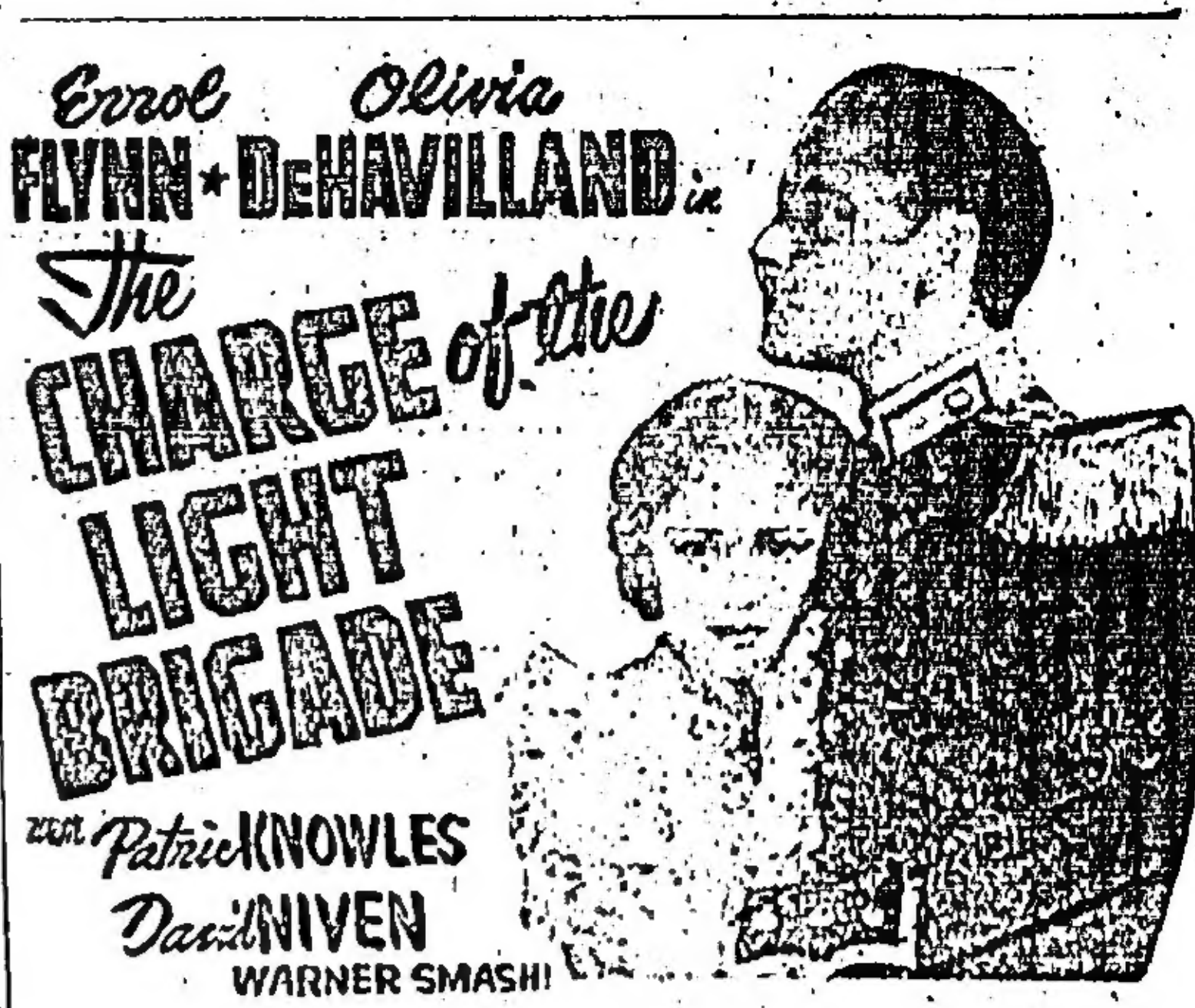
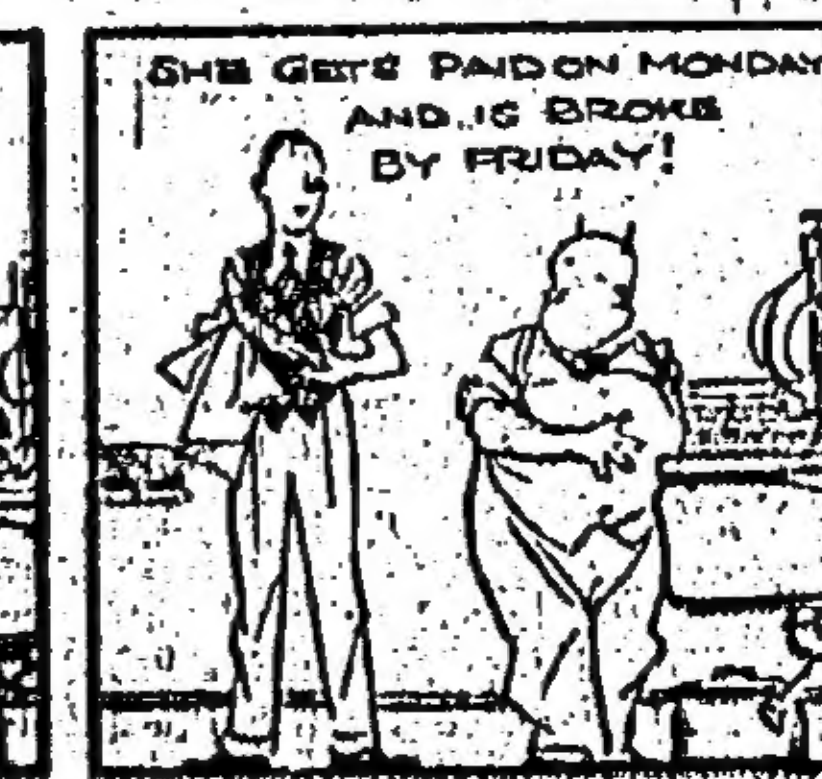


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TURNER. On Tuesday the 12th August 1947 at Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, to Wendy (nee Stranek) wife of Michael W. Turner a son (Shanghai and Singapore papers please copy).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

MR. E. C. C. JOHNSON wishes to express his deep gratitude to the relatives and the many friends who attended the funeral service of his mother in August 9th, and to all those who sent floral tributes and donations to charity. He wishes also to express heartfelt thanks to the Doctors, Sisters and Nurses who attended his mother so tenderly during her long illness.

THE COLONY'S CHILDREN

Amid the rising clamour of public dissatisfaction at living conditions in the Colony, the voices of the children of the community are not heard. There is the muteness of innocence and of ignorance, for they know no standard by which to take the measure of their condition. They take life as it comes, adapting themselves as best they can to surroundings which are often quite unsuitable. Cramped flats and hotel rooms are no places for children; hotel meals are not balanced to meet the requirements of their diet; herded together with too many adults, they cannot lead a natural child-life. Lacking space for play and exercise they are apt to lose good physical tone and healthy appetite.

Housing, once again, is the crux of the situation, but while the grown ups may be able, however discontentedly, to wait upon events, the children can not. A year in the life of a child is a small lifetime in itself packed with growth and development. The inestimable value of the early years cannot be overemphasised. Science and medicine have yet to assess their true importance, but it is not going too far to say that a man's whole life, his physical well-being and mental outlook, may be conditioned by the circumstances of his childhood. Houses, as we have been told all too frequently, cannot be built overnight, but much could be done in other ways. Surely the poorest districts of our British industrial towns are better equipped with parks and playgrounds than this Colony where the vast majority of children are compelled to seek air and exercise in busy roads and crowded streets. What is even worse, in such few spots as are supposed to be set aside for the use of the younger children, as, for instance, the so-called Children's Playground in Chatham Road, no control whatever is exercised. As a result, the one place where shade is provided, the pavilion opposite the CNRRA railway park, is continuously occupied by hordes of coolies, hawking and spitting, so that the babies are denied access even to the limited play-areas supposed to be provided for them.

Beautiful beaches are accessible to those whose financial position enables them to run their own car or hire taxis but the public utility services provided for those of moderate means are disgracefully inadequate. There can be few places in the world which can have a finer or more modern fleet of taxis than we have here in the Colony. But who would boast of our tram cars and motor buses? Their only claim could be to that of one of the most uncomfortable, infrequent, overcrowded and inadequate services in existence. It may well be asked why such an anomaly should be allowed to exist. The hire charges for beach tents have, at last, been brought down to a reasonable scale, but too many children are still deprived of the joys of sea and sand by lack of transport. Is Shek O beach, admitted to be the finest beach for children, scheduled to

Pacific Round-Up

Mr. Calwell Gives A Melancholy Conference

By Arthur Morley

The intense inter-Dominion rivalry to obtain manpower from Britain and Europe became a little more apparent this week.

In Canada, newspaper critics took the Government of Mr. Mackenzie King to task for remaining idle while Australian Minister for Immigration Calwell was touring Britain and the Continent, "obtaining 400,000 migrants."

In Australia, the opinion is being expressed forcibly that Canada and South Africa must be leaving Australia far behind in the quantity of immigrants obtained.

In New Zealand, it is felt that Australia, Canada and South Africa are all getting a bigger share of Europe's precious manpower.

As a result of shipping and other difficulties, it is now believed that Australia will get only about 25,000 British immigrants in the next year or so, unless some radical solution of the transport problem is soon found.

And this despite the fact that at least 200,000 are known to want to come to Australia; with jobs waiting for them.

OTHER WAY: Shipping and airline companies in Australia reported however that thousands of Australians were trying to get to England—to see the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Qantas Airways, which handles this end of the London-Sydney air route, reported an immediate rush for reservations on planes arriving in England in the month before the expected wedding date.

One notable non-traveller will be the Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, who has decided not to leave Australia for the wedding, or any other social occasion. Only "urgent national business" will make him travel again, it was announced from Canberra.

DIPLOMATIC OIL: As soon as a ferry Dr. Evatt had left the Australian coast for Tokyo, Mr. Chifley began pouring oil on the troubled waters of Pacific Diplomacy. He denied bluntly at a press-conference in his modest Canberra office that Dr. Evatt intended to "fight" with MacArthur. Admitting that Dr. Evatt had protested recently over several of MacArthur's actions (granting concessions to Japan), Mr. Chifley declared that there would be no breach with the United States and no deep disagreement.

Mr. Chifley added that Australia owed a big debt of gratitude to America generally and MacArthur specifically for their war-time assistance in defeating Japan.

SHRINKING POND: Thirty-six luxury liners each week are now crossing the Pacific, the "vast blue emptiness" which Magellan took months to cross. American, British, New Zealand and Australian airlines are now sharing the rich passenger and freight business (cherries and strawberries are now regular inter-continental cargo).

Soon, Canadian (Vancouver to Australia), Siamese (San Francisco to Bangkok) and Dutch (San Francisco to Batavia) airlines will begin regular operations and the great Pacific will be just another big pond.

SILENT SERVICE: Thousands of miles to the southward, the British Royal Navy was preparing, in its traditionally quiet way, to maintain Pacific peace in the years to come.

A powerful squadron under Rear Admiral G. E. Cressy put in to Melbourne on a "social visit." More important than the courtesy calls, however, were the manoeuvres undertaken immediately by the squadron's aircraft carriers, *Theseus* and *Gloria*, with Australian high-ranking naval officers on board as observers.

The Australians were receiving schooling in the handling of carriers, in preparation for the time when they receive their own two craft of similar class, sometime next year. Aircraft carriers will provide the backbone of the new Australian Navy to be paid for out of the record \$250,000,000 defence budget announced recently by the Minister for Defence, Mr. Dedman, in Canberra.

"CORRUPTED": Another minor item in the cost of the Pacific War was brought to public notice this week. Missionaries who have been through Papua, largest island of the South-West Pacific, announced they were "appalled" by the corruption of the native peoples.

They said they had found children of ten and twelve years gambling. Drinking was rife, the natives didn't desire to work and were dominated by greed for money. They had lost belief in tribal gods and were not prepared to accept Christianity as a substitute.

"All caused by too-free association with Allied troops," the missionaries concluded.

Amid groans from all onlookers, fashion reporters, who nervously fingered their skirts to see how much could be let down by Sally Swing.

out of the hem, Marcel Rochas proudly announced that this season Paris haute couture had finally convinced the world the epoch of short skirts was over. "What would fashion be if it was not always changing?" asked Rochas — perhaps in answer to women who think they cannot afford US\$450 for long full skirts by the Paris designer.

"I tried to get skirts to come down way back in 1941, but the world wasn't ready. Now women are willing — next season skirts will be even longer — you'll see."

And he beamed, because there is not much room left for them unless they hit the floor. Following his skirt lengths, the general Paris silhouette: rounded shoulders, tight waist and full skirt — was also evident in his collection. One exception to the tight waist was an almond-green ensemble for cocktail, with a long jacket almost to the knees in stove-pipe shape, garnished at the bottom and cuffs with red clox. The skirt underneath was full and pleated.

In keeping with the new feminine trend, Rochas used much lace in tucks and ruffles to soften the silhouette. The dress of a grey corduroy velvet had a border of white English lace around the wide collar and was trimmed with lace at the cuffs of the three-quarter sleeves. Two-piece cocktail dresses, mostly in black, revealed a sunback effect when the short jacket was removed. One of these was a full-skirted black lace model with a long-sleeved bolero of black satin. The latter top underneath was pale sky-blue satin.

Rochas also presented a collection of gowns of chiffon in pale autumn shades. Many had chiffon scarves draped over the shoulders like long Empress sleeves, bordered in lace of the same colour. Tops were fringed, with tucks and lace inserts. — United Press.

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ONE GUESS BEATS TWO

If your contract can be made by a successful finesse in a certain suit, it is much better to make that attempt than to adopt some other method in which two factors must work out the way you hope. Sometimes the counting up of tricks to be assured by each procedure will show that one finesse can establish all of the doubtful ones you require, whereas another effort will leave you still short of your goal. But the player who is too lazy to count his available tricks will seldom see such points.

SA 4
HA 3
DK 4 2
CA K J 10 5

SK 10 9 8
HK 5 3
DQ 9 6
C 7 6 2

N
W E
S

SQ 6
H 10 6 2
DA J 10 7 6 3
CQ

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable).

North East South West
1C Pass 1D Pass
2C Pass 3NT Pass
4NT Pass 5D Pass
6NT Pass 6S Pass

Winning the club 7 lead with the Q, South raced through the play, finessing the heart 6 and J, dropping the K with the A, running four more clubs to discard a spade and three diamonds, cashed the diamond K and A, then scored the heart 10. Realising now he had no play left for his contract, he led to the spade A and gave up the last trick to the K.

Instead of the heart finesse, he should have tried the diamond finesse first, toward the dummy, especially since West's double had practically marked him as ex-

pecting to take a trick with the diamond Q. Simple counting could have shown South that this might develop the thirteenth trick for him, with six in diamonds, five in clubs and two major aces.

Even with the play South gave the hand he could have made it on a squeeze if he had discarded four diamonds on clubs and retained both spades. West then would have been squeezed by the last heart between his spade K-10 and his diamond Q. Discarding the diamond would have established the dummy's 4 for the thirteenth trick, crossing a spade would have built up South's Q for the finisher.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 6
H 7 4 3
D 10 4 2
C K Q J 10 7 6

SJ 8 7 5
HQ
DAK J 8 5
C 4 3 2

N
W E
S

SAKQ
HAJ 9 8
DQ 9 7
CA 9 8

S 10 9 4 3 2
H K 10 6 5 2
D 6 3
C 6

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable).

What would you consider the finest bidding of this deal?

ENVOY SACKED

Teheran, Aug. 11.
Mozaffar Firuz, whose removal from his post of Iranian Ambassador to Russia has been demanded by the press, has returned to Moscow. "No longer an Ambassador and to pack up his kit," a Government spokesman told the United Press today.

It was believed Firuz had no intention of returning to Iran and intended to settle down in Switzerland. — United Press.

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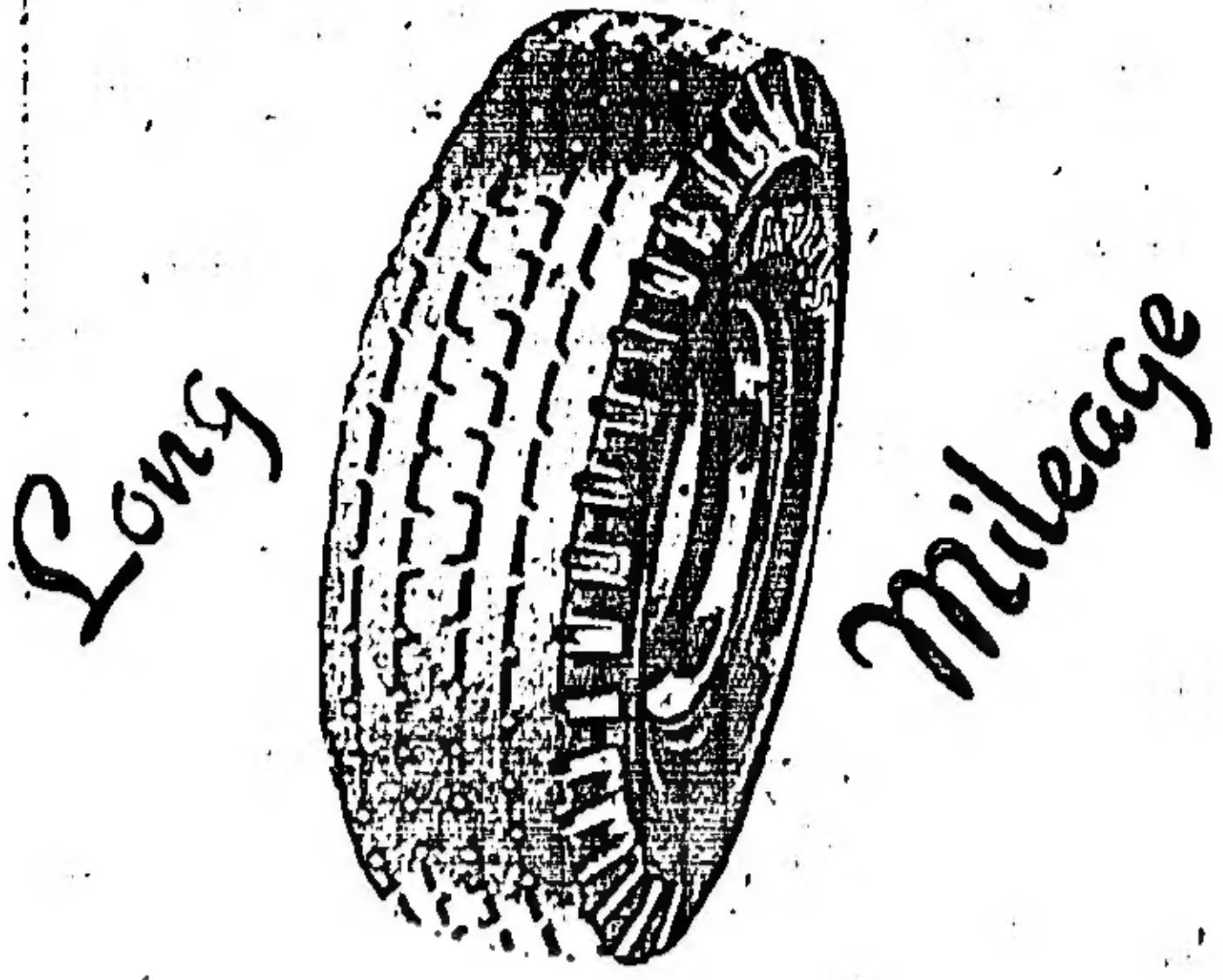
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Britain Denies Argument

Lake Success, Aug. 11. Mahmoud Fahmy El Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, spoke slowly and deliberately when he addressed the Security Council today, emphasising his main points with carefully modulated tones with the other members of the Council closely following his speech from the copies of his manuscript, each with his eyes glued on the paper in front of him rather than on the middle-aged man in a grey suit putting his country's case forward.

Now and again the Egyptian Prime Minister fingered his glasses but disdained any other gesture. His oratory was so practised that he needed no such aid.

Every delegate, and apparently every one of more than 500 spectators, listened attentively. The demand for tickets by the public was such that an overflow broadcast was relayed to the Committee Room for the people who had been unable to enter the Council Chamber.

Nokrashy Pasha drove home his points calmly, but when he came to the repetition of his call for the "evacuation of British troops", his voice rose to its strongest pitch and, at the same time he glared up quickly from his papers to make sure that the Council members and, particularly, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the chief British delegate, who was directly opposite him, had heard properly and had taken due note of his words, but it was plain that the Egyptian Prime Minister had shifted his case from his text.

Britain's Reply

There was complete quiet while Nokrashy Pasha was speaking, and the only movement near the Council table was the coming and going of verbatim shorthand writers.

One member of the public in a seat at the back of the Council Chamber pulled out a huge pair of field glasses and trained them in turn on Nokrashy Pasha and the other prominent delegates, several of whom marked their copies of the speech in pencil as the Egyptian Prime Minister spoke and as the adviser to the British delegation leaned over and made some quickly whispered comment to Sir Alexander Cadogan.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, rising to answer the complaints against the British action in Egypt and the Sudan made last week by Nokrashy Pasha, denied that British policy arose out of imperialist motives and said: "In the case of Egypt, our work led to the establishment of Egypt as a prosperous independent state."

"We brought about those conditions—administrative and economic—which rendered this happy result possible."

Different Ideas

"I know that the ideas of today are different from those of the 19th-century. No power has given greater evidence of its evolution in this respect than Britain, which has given hundreds of millions of Indians and Burmese their freedom and was ready to withdraw the last British soldier from Egyptian soil within a year or two of Egypt having been saved from the Nazi hordes at the expense of many thousands of British soldiers' lives."

"By whatever criterion our work in Egypt is judged, the aspirations of Nokrashy Pasha are in the highest degree unjust and inaccurate."

Denying Nokrashy Pasha's argument that the Sudan and Egypt had been united since time immemorial, Sir Alexander declared that Egyptian rule began in 1821 through conquest, adding: "The political unity of the Nile Valley is a myth. The Mahdi's revolt was due to Sudanese hatred of Egyptian rule."

"Egypt may have deluded herself into believing this, but the Sudanese masses are not pro-Egyptian and not anxious for a change."

"Only with British assistance was the Egyptian Government able to subdue the Sudanese revolt. Nokrashy Pasha has contemptuously missed the part played by Britain in this campaign with a reference to a few British battalions."

"Among many, this is his most glaring perversion of history."

No Threats

Continuing, Sir Alexander Cadogan strongly denied that there was ever any threat to force Egypt to conclude a treaty. He also argued that the Egyptian Prime Minister misinterpreted the Sudan problem, which, he said, made it

plain that the future of the Sudan was a matter of agreement between Egypt and Britain "after consultation with the Sudanese."

Sir Alexander asserted: "It is Egypt who does not wish the Sudanese to be free to choose."

Finally, Sir Alexander refuted the Egyptian Prime Minister's claim that the Anglo-Egyptian Alliance tied Egypt to British economy—"a quite incomprehensible statement."

Sir Alexander said that not one word in the treaty limited the commercial or financial freedom of Egypt and "the mere statistics of Egypt's trade show how utterly unfounded this statement is."—Reuter.

POLITICS CAUSE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS

Lake Success, Aug. 11.

No responsible statesman in any land could contemplate the prospect of war, Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, stated in his annual report to the General Assembly, published today.

"If the nations involved would drop military premises from their efforts to resolve the basic problems of the world, the millions of people who watch our deliberations might really feel that their own indisputable longing for peace was being championed by this organisation."

Dr. Lie said.

The report stated that though the 1,911 meetings held in the year ending June 30, 1947, showed "a heartening willingness" to rely increasingly on the international organisation, "the world situation has not improved in the last year."

Failure of the powers to draft the main peace treaties could not be over-emphasised, Dr. Lie said, adding: "It is clear that in the political and, in particular, the economic sphere, they are a pre-requisite of a reconstructed world order."

The Secretary-General's report stated that the aftermath of the war could no longer be considered the main cause of the economic problems facing the world.

These problems "arise in large measure from a basic political situation which underlies and affects all international political, economic and social activity."

U.N. Structure

"It is now possible to say that with the cooperation of the member Governments, the United Nations is equipped to undertake the responsibility for the handling of the problems in these fields."

In the body of the report, the Secretary-General covered the complete structure of the United Nations Organisation, including the six principal organs, commissions, committees and specialized agencies grouped around them.

Particular emphasis was given to the United Nations international machinery for dealing with the world's social and economic problems, pivoting round the Economic and Social Council.

MALE CHILDREN NOT WANTED

Berlin, Aug. 12.

Relatively few Berliners are willing to adopt male children since the war and psychologists think it may be because nobody in this battered land is anxious to raise a boy who may grow up to become a soldier.

Nearly 80 percent of applications for the adoption of children which come to Berlin's head Youth Office specify girls are wanted.

"Girls aged one to five years go like hot cakes," said an official, "but nobody seems to want the boys, especially those aged 10 to 14 years." It used to be that boys were in greater demand. Associated Press.

JUST FOR FUN

London, Aug. 11. Boris Scrieginsky, identified as a wealthy American business executive, landed from an amphibian plane here today and told newsmen he had made the 28-hour hop from New York "just for fun."

He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. It was reported he landed three times on the way—Greenland, Iceland and Scotland.—United Press.

FAINT RACIAL RING

London, Aug. 12.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Bulgarian Premier Georgi Dimitroff's appeal to Czechoslovakia for Slav authority has "a faint racialist ring which we cannot find it in our hearts to welcome."

He said the government also deprecated Dimitroff's warning in an interview with Radio Prague against the "western enemies of the Slav people."

"We do not share in his desire to separate Czechoslovakia from the western world," the spokesman said. "We do not think Europe should be split in two but instead believe in the principles of one world."—United Press.

BAO DAI UPSETS IT ALL

Saigon, Aug. 11.

French official plans in Indo-China were suddenly upset because the ex-Emperor, Bao Dai, declined to head the Central Government, in opposition to Dr. Ho Chi Minh, informed political sources here stated today.

A special emissary on behalf of the High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, who is now in Hanoi, is expected to leave for Paris on Wednesday in order to consult with the French Government.

Meanwhile, M. Bollaert's statement of policy—which was expected to be made on Aug. 15—has been put off. It was officially announced.

Neutral diplomatic sources discussing the postponement of M. Bollaert's speech, said: "It was not unexpected," adding that the French Government may instruct the High Commissioner "to revise the whole policy in order that it will be acceptable to Dr. Ho Chi Minh."

"Non-settlement, which attempts to sidetrack Dr. Ho Chi Minh, is never likely to succeed in Indo-China or win the approval of the United States or India Governments, who have repeatedly urged early settlement of the Indo-Chinese problem," these sources stated.—Reuter.

World Baptist Alliance

New York, Aug. 11.

The hope that the next World Baptist Alliance scheduled in 1950 will be held in Shanghai was expressed today by Dr. Henry H. Lin, new President of the University of Shanghai and managing director of the Chinese government Bureau of Printing and Engraving, in a four-day visit to New York en route to China from the World Alliance in Denmark via North-west Airlines.

Dr. Lin, head of a six-man delegation at the meeting at Copenhagen attended by 6,000 persons representing more than 60 countries, was named vice-president of the Alliance.

He extended an invitation for the next world gathering in Shanghai and told the United Press he was confident that it will be accepted contingent upon a report he will make later on transportation and hotel accommodations.

He said shocking reports were presented to the meeting of persecution of displaced Christians, particularly in Rumania and other Balkan countries. He said the Baptist church attendance in Shanghai today is five times that before the war.—United Press.

DEATH FAST

Calcutta, Aug. 11.

Professor Abdul Rahim, member of the Council of the All-India Muslim League, announced today that he would undertake a fast "unto death" from next Wednesday in a mosque in Calcutta's Wellington Square, because he felt "something drastic" had to be done to stop the prevailing communal riots in Calcutta.—Reuter.

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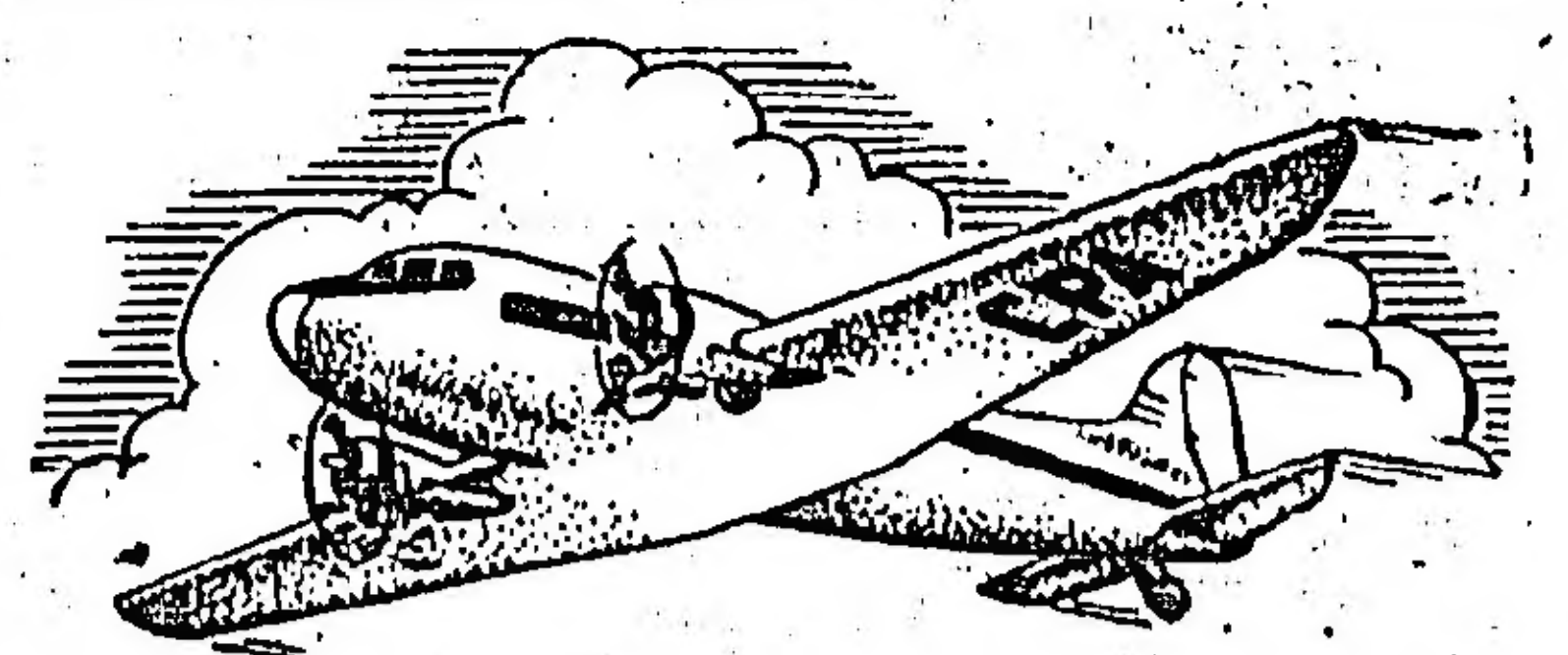
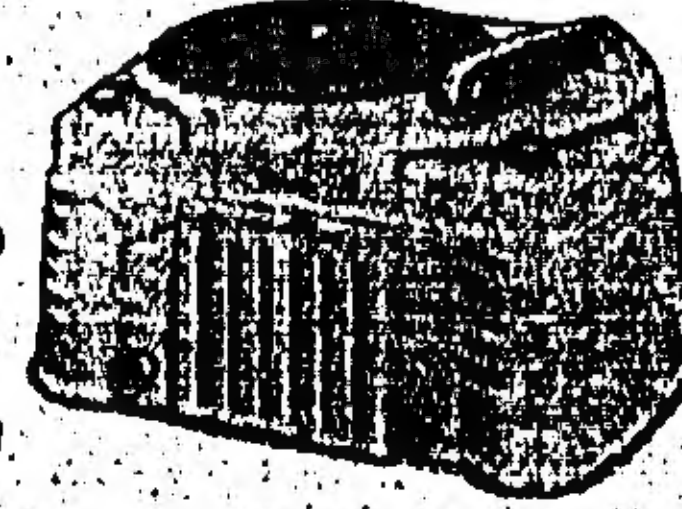
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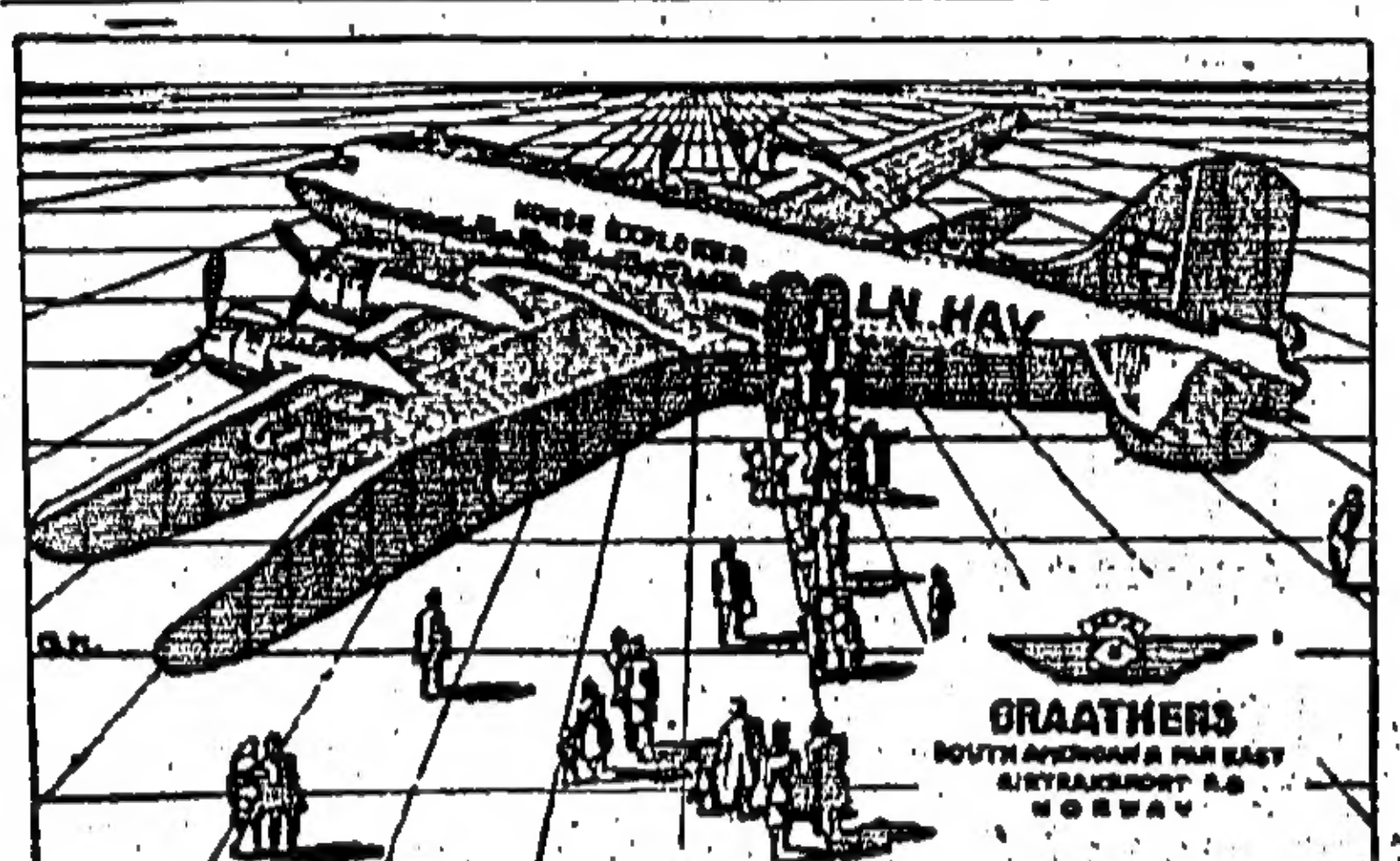
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Washington, Aug. 12. Gold refiners today protested the proposed Treasury controls intended to curb speculative foreign transactions in gold at premium prices. Several witnesses, while expressing general "sympathy" with the objective, opposed the proposed amendment of gold regulations and suggested instead "mutual agreements" between the Treasury and companies.

H.K. Stock Exchange

The market was quiet and dull, with quotations tending to lower levels, but closed on a firm note.

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Wright's Hat Trick Seven Wickets For 54 Runs

London, Aug. 11.
There were notable happenings with both ball and bat in the County cricket programme today. Douglas Wright, England and Kent leg break bowler, accomplished the hat trick against Sussex when he took the wickets of Cox, Nye and Cornford with successive deliveries, the first two being caught and the third bowled, to bring the innings to a close and force Sussex to follow on.

Wright's full analysis was seven wickets for 54 runs. An outstanding batting feat was accomplished by C.S. Elliott and J.D. Edgar, a Repton schoolmaster, who broke an 18-year-old record with a second wicket stand for Derby of 349. The previous best for any wicket was 322.

Elliott's 215 and Edgar's 173 were the highest scores either had ever made.

The Essex fall was again in form today—as was the case in other matches recently, and the County surprisingly gained a first-innings lead which at one time seemed out of the question. A ground stand between Pearce (captain) and Wade enabled Essex to declare.

Slow Day
The South African tourists also had a good day today at Manchester. Occupying the wicket at Old Trafford for all but forty minutes of play, the visitor ran up a total of 338 in reply to Lancashire's 218, to lead by 120 on the first innings.

For the most part it was a slow day's cricket, with Mitchell occupying the crease for nearly six and a half hours while scoring 131 runs. He was sometimes hounded by sections of the crowd of 21,000 for his puns, taking effort.

Nevertheless, it was a valuable contribution against an attack which was never loose, and had he fallen to a rash stroke early, South Africa might well have finished the day in arrears.

Cranston was Lancashire's most successful bowler, with five wickets for 69 runs, while Bowes claimed four wickets at the cost

INVASION OF LOCUSTS

Paris, Aug. 11.
Villagers in the hamlet of Boudette, Southern France, fought a night-long battle last night with the aid of floodlights and bonfires to save their crops from an invasion of locusts.

The battle began at dusk as the locusts began to descend upon the village, which was surrounded by locusts and swarms of locusts, which would make a noise to scare away the locusts, which dived and blanketed the crops.

We must have killed 2,000 of them, but there still seemed to be more than ever. In one night, these pests destroyed most of what has been taken in a year to grow, one villager said.—Reuter.

Protest Filed Over The "Fatshan"

The China Navigation Company's river steamer, "Fatshan," which returned to Hong Kong on Sunday after being detained in Canton by the Chinese authorities for more than two weeks following the discovery of a considerable quantity of contraband cargo on board, is expected to resume its normal run to and from Canton on Monday.

A representative of the Company yesterday denied vernacular reports from Canton that the fine imposed on the Company by the Chinese Customs amounted to nearly CN\$5,000,000,000 had been paid.

He explained that after the fine was imposed, the "Fatshan" was allowed to clear for Hong Kong on the Company's bond with the Customs authorities. The Company has filed a protest with the Customs authorities.

Migoli A St. Leger Favourite

London, Aug. 11.
The Aga Khan's Migoli, second in the Derby, is still a clear favourite for the St. Leger, his price hardening to 9 to 4 tonight after being backed to win £2,000 at 5 to 2. There were no takers at the shorter odds.

Only five horses were quoted, and most in demand was the French colt Arbar, who was supported to win £11,000 at eight, so that 15 to 2 was the best offer at the close.

Pearl Diver's price shortened to 7 to 2 after being backed to win £2,000, while Sayajirao's price shortened a point to seven after being backed to win £3,000 at 8 to 1.

Merry Quip, offered at 100 to 7, had no takers.—Reuter.

DUTCH SWIMMER SCORES

Long Beach, N.Y., Aug. 12.
Miss Nel Van Vliet of Halversum, the Netherlands world champion breast stroke swimmer, shattered American marks in the Lido Beach Club pool as she posted a time of 2:56.3 to finish 40 yards ahead of her nearest American rival in the 200-yards breast stroke.

Records broken included the 100-metre breast stroke mark of 1:24.3, belonging to Jane Dillard of Fort Worth, Texas, and the 100-yard standard of 1:29.8 posted by Agnes Geraghty of New York City in 1925.

The new record of 1:23.8 was set while the Dutch girl was negotiating the longer distance.

The 200-metres mark of Margaret Hoffman of Scranton, Pennsylvania, 3:12.6, the fastest time for an American, as well as the 3:06.3 time set by Clare Dennis of Australia at the 1932 Olympics, also were eclipsed as was Katherine Law's 220-yard mark of 3:15.6.

Miss Van Vliet's world marks of 1:18.2 for the 100-metres and 2:40.2 for the 200-metres were well out of reach.

Another Dutch swimmer, Mrs. Ila Koster-Van Veggelen of Amsterdam, former world backstroke champion, finished first in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:20.2.—Associated Press.

Specialists To Advise SCAP Heads

Tokyo, Aug. 11.
A group of 33 specialists from Overseas Consultants Incorporated arrived here today to "study the industrial conditions of Japan for several months as advisors to SCAP."

The specialists are under contract for the job with the War Department, and their arrival is regarded as a significant inasmuch as Clifford Ite, who heads the Overseas Consultants and visited Japan a few months ago, recommended reparations removals much on the pattern of the original Pauley programme.

The United States Army said a second increment of specialists from Overseas Consultants will join the present group later.

The present group includes Rufus J. Wyser, project manager and president of the Republic Steel Corporation.—United Press.

Baseball

New York, Aug. 11.
White Sox split a pair with St. Louis Browns 5-2 and 4-8, with York clinching the opener by driving in a home run in the seventh with two aboard while Browns took the nightcap at Chicago.

Today's scores were:

American League

St. Louis Browns 5 R. H. E.
Chicago White Sox 2 7 0
Browns: p. Klinger, Brown, Muncie; c. Early, Moss; White Sox: p. Haynes, Begrian; c. Tresh.

St. Louis Browns (2nd game) 8 R. H. E.
Chicago White Sox 4 0 1
Browns: p. Fanning, Pickett; c. Moss.

White Sox: p. Lee, Harriot, Gillespie, Maltzberger; c. Dickey.

—United Press.

Mills To Meet Goffaux

London, Aug. 11.
There will be an international flavour about the Harringway boxing programme on Sept. 8, and there is a possibility that Pol Goffaux, of Belgium, will meet Freddie Mills for the vacant European light-heavyweight title that evening.

Mills, the British champion, has been quiet since his defeat by the American, Marshall, in June, and has agreed to meet Goffaux. Jack Solomon, the promoter, is now negotiating for the bout.

He has already fixed fights for Ernie Roderick—who will meet Guy Williams in an all-British bout—and for another British boxer, who will meet Yrjö Puupalanen, of Finland.

It is also possible that Jackie Peterson, former world flyweight champion, will be offered an opponent on the same bill.—Reuter.

"Hep Cats"

Sydney, Aug. 11.
The Australian welterweight, Ken Bailey, decisively put-pointed Eddy Hudson of Detroit in a 12-round bout in which the American fighter was not credited with a single round by the judges.

For the first time in Australian history a cheering squad turned up at the Sydney Stadium to root for a boxer. Sydney's "hep cats" attended the match on mass to cheer Hudson, who danced his way to the ring side.—United Press.

TENNIS

New York, Aug. 11.
M. Mohan, India's Davis Cup player, in the Newport (Rhode Island) Casino's 28th annual invitation lawn tennis tournament, beat Thomas L. Burker, of Rego Park, New York, 6-1, 6-3, today.

Mohan is visiting the United States with his fellow Davis Cup players, S. C. Miron and J. M. Mohit.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS ASKED TO CLARIFY POSITION

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Washington, Aug. 11.
Dr. Charles Thompson, Dean of the graduate school at the National Howard Negro University, said he hoped other colonial powers would take a lesson from Britain and grant their Asiatic colonies independence.

Regarding Indian independence, Dr. Thompson said, "I am very happy to see this. I hope it is a strain in the wind and forebodes a new dawn for Asia. The British are to be congratulated on carrying out their promise, which many thought they would never do."

"Now I hope France and the Netherlands soon will follow suit."—United Press.

Britain Prepares A Panel Of Questions

Lake Success, Aug. 11.
The United States, Britain and France today called on Russia to clarify its position in the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

The deputy United States delegate, Frederick Osborn, assailing the Soviet proposals on atomic inspection and control for the second time in less than a week, told Commission members they would "lose a year's work and move backwards" if they adopted the basic Russian suggestions.

Meanwhile, Britain announced that she would have ready today or tomorrow a panel of questions which she would submit to the Soviet delegate, Andrei Gromyko, with the request that he send them direct to the Kremlin for an answer.

The British delegate, Mr. Richard Miles, suggested that discussion of the Soviet proposals might be delayed until a later date, when Moscow's answers might give the majority of the 12 na-

CAUSTIC CRITICISMS

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No Accounts

In view of the continual depreciation of the value of the C.N. Dollar, the directors of the Company consider it would only be misleading to continue to draw up accounts in that currency and, therefore, no accounts have yet been prepared for submission to a meeting of the company for the purpose of declaring a dividend. Such procedure should, of course, be adopted before any part of the profits of the subsidiary company are brought into the accounts of the parent company.

Under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, there is no direct and simple method by which a company can alter the currency of its capital. In the past, certain companies have made such alteration but this has entailed the passing of a special ordinance in each case. The directors, however, are considering this and also other methods, which though somewhat cumbersome could avoid the necessity of special legislation and hope to accomplish the change in the not too distant future.

Disappointment

Mr. A. Hillaly said: "Several speakers have sufficiently indicated the disappointment of shareholders over the statement of accounts as presented. What I am about to say is intended not only to convey dissatisfaction, but complete dissatisfaction. I am not in fear of contradiction when I say that it is the duty of the Directors to inform the shareholders, through the annual statement of accounts, of the existing position of the Company. It is my submission that the Directors have utterly failed to carry out that duty. I would even go further—I would say that not only have the Directors failed to present a statement which depicts the true financial state of the Company, but that they have, by presenting the statement in its form, grossly misrepresented the true financial position of the Company."

"The fixed assets of the Company is set at about \$8,000,000. The sale of the Palace Hotel, when the transaction is completed, will bring in 5½ millions. Are we to be led to believe that the fixed assets, less the Palace Hotel, are only worth considerably under seven millions, when the book value has been deducted? Assuming that the book value is about \$1 million. I realise of course that the valuation, as given, is based on that taken in 1936. But surely, it is not time that these fixed assets should be re-valued. Does it seem necessary that there should be a re-valuation by an expert, before the Directors can come to the conclusion that the existing value of the fixed assets is several times more than the 1936 valuation? Does not the price of the Palace Hotel also justify the Directors in coming to that conclusion? In such circumstances, why was it thought desirable or necessary that the \$2,700,000 for reparations for 1946 should be charged to the profit and loss account? Indeed, I would like to know why this sum has not been charged to the capital account. Have the Direc-

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tors obtained expert advice that this item has been properly charged to profit and loss account? I wish to know what dividend the Company has been able to pay to its shareholders within the last 20 years. When the Company is able at last to pay a dividend the shareholders are deprived of their just and overdue return by a decision made by the Directors such as they have made in appropriating the \$2,700,000 to profit and loss account.

"If the Company has not enough reserve to pay a higher dividend in cash as the accounts show, why not pay the shareholders by way of dividend bonus shares, to compensate them for the lean years that the shareholders have experienced?"

"Having regard to the existing values of the Company's assets it is clear that the Company is and has been under capitalised. I therefore propose that the Directors should forthwith obtain re-valuation of the fixed assets of the Company, and upon completion thereof, distribute bonus shares to the members of the Company."

Recommendations

Britain: Will inspectors be allowed to visit only plants whose existence has been made known by those concerned?

6. Russia: The Commission makes "recommendations" to the governments on questions of atomic production, stockpiling and their use.

Britain: Are they purely advisory recommendations? With no binding force?

7. Russia: The Commission shall have its own inspectorial apparatus.

Britain: Does this mean enlargement of the agency's own inspectors, answerable to the atomic agency and with the right to enter each country?

8. Russia: The Commission makes "recommendations" to the Security Council for prevention and suppression of atomic violations.

Britain: Does this mean all steps for punishment of atomic violations will be subject to big power veto in the Security Council? Or does Russia agree at least minor violations may be dealt with in the Atomic Commission itself, where the veto would not apply?

General Questions

There were two general questions about the Soviet proposals as a whole: Can the Soviet proposals be interpreted as providing for any forms of atomic control other than international inspection? Can the Soviet proposals be interpreted as allowing any further consideration of such controls as supervision, management or licensing atomic operations and atomic facilities as advocated by experts of ten of the twelve nations on the Atomic Energy Commission?

The United States and French delegates joined the British deputy delegate, Mr. Miles, in opening today's atomic meeting with pleas for clarification of the Russian position.—United Press.

"Out Of Order"

The speaker was ruled out of order by the Chairman, as no previous notice of the proposal had been submitted.

"I am not proposing, I am suggesting this to the Board," said Mr. Hillaly.

"Then the matter will receive the consideration of the Board," replied the Chairman.

Suggestions were then made to amend the accounts but when it was pointed out that no change could be made, and it was therefore for the meeting to pass or reject the accounts, or to adjourn the meeting, it was decided to put the motion to the vote. It was carried with 10 dissentients.

The meeting then proceeded to the remaining business, which consisted of the re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung to the Board, and the reappointment of Messrs Percy Smith & Co. as auditors for the ensuing year. Both motions were passed unanimously.

Shareholders at the meeting were Messrs E. Grant Smith, C.N. Kong, W. Giffins, C.C. Blake, E.A. Remedios (representing Mr. S.M. Churn), R.A. Dastur, B.A. Waller, F. D'Almada Remedios, F. Zimmern, W. Russell, H.D. Benham, H.R. Siqueira, A. Hillaly, F.R. Zimmern, Lo Kin-fai, J. Hennessy, Soth, P.A. Mardulyn (representing Banque Belge), N.V.A. Croucher, and I. Elles (representing Hobbs & Lyle).

Jerusalem, Aug. 11.

Two small explosions near the Central Prison set off the alert siren today but the all clear was sounded in a few minutes when the explosions were found to be unconnected with terrorism.—United Press.

Paris, Aug. 11.

M. Emile Bollaert, High Commissioner in Indo-China, who returned there only recently after consultations here, is being recalled immediately to report on the situation.—Reuter.

Washington, Aug. 11.

Herman Keler of Akron, Ohio, today took home top money in the \$10,000 Emerald Open Golf tournament but only after Ben Hogan muffed an 18-inch putt and "blew" a blistering comeback that would have gained him a tie for the first.—United Press.

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